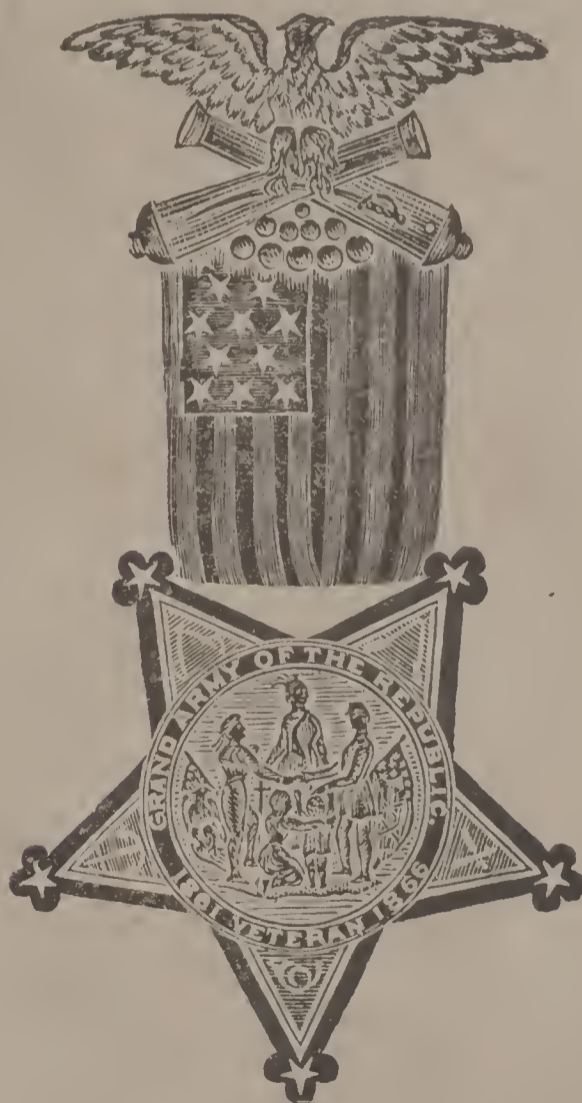


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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Broken Bow, Nebr., December 20, 1929.

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There is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Sixty-third National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, held in Portland, Me., September 8 to 13, 1929, which is submitted, as provided in Public Resolution No. 25, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved June 6, 1924, for printing as a House document.

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Past Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

ROLL OF THE SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC

PORTLAND, ME., SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929

NATIONAL OFFICERS

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JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.¹

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Judge advocate general

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Inspector general

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National patriotic instructor

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SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.¹

Chief of staff

GEORGE A. HOSLEY, West Somerville, Mass.¹

Senior aide-de-camp

CHARLES E. NASON, Portland, Me.¹

¹ Present.

MEMBERSHIP OF SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL EMCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Sixty-third National Encampment, as shown by the following table is 1,381. Deducting previously reported the net voting strength is 1,221.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	Department officers	Representatives	Past department commanders	Past senior vice department commanders	Past junior vice department commanders	Total	Deduct previously reported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote						12		12
National council of administration						43		43
Past commanders in chief						10		10
Past senior vice commanders in chief						16	3	13
Past junior vice commanders in chief						11	4	7
Alabama	4		10	1	1	16	2	14
Arkansas	4	2	5	2	2	15	5	10
California and Nevada	4	23	25	13	13	78	2	76
Colorado and Wyoming	4	4	8	6	7	29	2	27
Connecticut	4	6	10	6	5	31	8	23
Delaware	4	2	7	1	1	15	4	11
Florida	4	4	13	1	3	25	3	22
Georgia and South Carolina	4	1	6	1	2	14	6	8
Idaho	4	2	12	8	4	30	4	26
Illinois	4	21	11	12	9	57	2	55
Indiana	4	18	14	8	5	49	2	47
Iowa	4	14	9	9	6	42	4	38
Kansas	4	16	9	5	8	42	1	41
Kentucky	4	2	7	2	2	17	5	12
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	2	3			9		9
Maine	4	5	13	8	6	36	2	34
Maryland	4	3	9	5	2	23	5	18
Massachusetts	4	16	12		1	33	3	30
Michigan	4	11	6	17		38	3	35
Minnesota	4	6	15	1	1	27	6	21
Missouri	4	8	10	4	6	32	2	30
Montana	4	2	11	2	1	20	2	18
Nebraska	4	7	12	5	7	35	3	32
New Hampshire	4	3	10	1	1	19	3	16
New Jersey	4	5	14	7	2	32	2	30
New Mexico	4		10	1	1	16		16
New York	4	27	11	13	7	62	4	58
North Dakota	4		13	4	3	24	4	20
Ohio	4	27	11	13	7	62	6	56
Oklahoma	4	5	15	8	4	36	4	32
Oregon	4	5	10	6	5	30	5	25
Pennsylvania	4	28	8	15	10	65	11	54
Potomac	4	3	10	4	1	22	5	17
Rhode Island	4	3	9	2	1	19	4	15
South Dakota	4	3	13	2	2	24	5	19
Tennessee	4	2	10	4	4	24	3	21
Texas	4	1	9	1	1	16	3	13
Utah	4		8	2	2	16	3	13
Vermont	4	5	11	4	3	27	2	25
Virginia and North Carolina	4	2	1	1	1	9	3	6
Washington and Alaska	4	7	10	4	3	28	3	25
West Virginia	4	3	4			11	4	7
Wisconsin	4	8	14	5	3	34	3	31
Total	172	312	438	214	153	1,381	160	1,221

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama, George F. Jackson, 912 Highland Street, Edgewood.¹
Arkansas, Cos Altenberfi, Little Rock.¹
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Colorado and Wyoming, William Wilson, Denver.¹
Connecticut, Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.
Delaware, no report.
Florida, William Jubb, St. Petersburg.¹
Georgia and South Carolina, Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald.¹
Idaho, C. L. Longley, Twin Falls.
Illinois, William P. Wright, Chicago.^{1 2}
Indiana, David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.^{1 2}
Iowa, Oley Nelson, Slater.¹
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New Mexico, no report.
New York, Louis H. Vallee, Delmar.¹
North Dakota, Charles Cotter, Fargo.¹
Ohio, E. P. Taggart, Akron.^{1 2}
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Oregon, Charles A. Baker, Portland.³
Pennsylvania, W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.^{1 3}
Potomac, John Middleton, Washington, D. C.¹
Rhode Island, Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence.¹
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Tennessee, no report.
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Vermont, John A. Thwing, Bellows Falls.¹
Virginia and North Carolina, H. W. House, Portsmouth.¹
Washington and Alaska, J. E. Gandy, Spokane.
West Virginia, S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton.^{1 2}
Wisconsin, H. C. Eaton, Fon du Lac.¹

¹ Present.

² Executive committee.

³ Deceased.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlburt, Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-1870
Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1894)	1880
George S. Merrill, Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz, Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis. (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1892
John G. B. Adams, Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, Illinois (died in office Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo. (died June 1, 1929)	1900
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, Massachusetts (died in office July 6, 1905)	1904
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. ¹	1905
James Tanner, New York (died Oct. 2, 1927)	1905
Robert B. Brown, Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926)	1907
Henry M. Nevius, New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn. ¹	1909
John E. Gilman, Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)	1910
Harvey W. Trimble, Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner, Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928)	1913
David J. Palmer, Washington, Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928)	1914
Elias R. Monfort, Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926)	1916
Orlando A. Somers, Indiana (died June 9, 1921)	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924)	1918
James D. Bell, New York (died in office Nov. 1, 1919)	1919
Daniel M. Hall, Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925)	1919
William A. Ketcham, Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y. ¹	1921
James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa ¹	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, Ohio	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa. ¹	1924
John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.	1925
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. ¹	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.	1927

¹ Present.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)	1868
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1868-1870
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1871-72
Edward Jardine, New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1878
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1879
Edgar D. Swain, Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)	1880
Charles L. Young, Ohio (died September, 1913)	1881
W. E. W. Ross, Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)	1882
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1883
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1884
Selden Connor, Maine (died July 9, 1917)	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Calif.	1886
Nelson Cole, Missouri (died July 31, 1899)	1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio	1888
A. G. Weissert, Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1889
Richard F. Tobin, Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)	1890
George H. Innis, Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)	1891
Henry W. Duffield, Michigan (died July 13, 1912)	1891
R. H. Warfield, California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)	1892
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1893
A. P. Burchfield, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)	1894
E. H. Hobson, Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)	1895
John H. Mullen, Minnesota (died April 3, 1907)	1896
Alfred Lyth, New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)	1897
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)	1898
Daniel Ross, Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1899
Irvin Robbins, Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911)	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)	1900
John McElroy, Washington, D. C.	1901
William M. Olin, Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)	1902
C. Mason Kinne, California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)	1903
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. (elected commander in chief July 17, 1905) ^{1 2}	1904
George W. Patten, Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19 1906)	1905
George W. Cook, Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)	1905
William A. Armstrong, Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)	1908
William M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif.	1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.	1910
Nicholas W. Day, New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March, 1923)	1912
Thomas H. Soward, Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, Michigan (died in office Mar. 9, 1915)	1914
William F. Conner, Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, D. C.	1915
William H. Wormstead, Marblehead, Mass.	1916
John L. Clem, Washington D. C.	1917
John G. Chambers, Portland, Oreg.	1918
Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.	1919
George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass. ¹	1920
Robert W. McBride, Indiana (died May 15, 1926)	1921
C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, Tex.	1922
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. ^{1 2}	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, Mass. ¹	1924
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.	1925
A. G. Beatty, Independence, Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, Buffalo, N. Y.	1927

¹ Present.² Past commander in chief.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1866-1869
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, California (died July 14, 1918)	1871
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio	1871-72
Edward Ferguson, Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-76
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)	1879
George Bowers, New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, California (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)	1884
John R. Lewis, Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allen, Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, New York	1888
John F. Lovett, New Jersey (died ———)	1889
George B. Creamer, Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, Connecticut (died ———)	1897
Daniel Ross, Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patton, Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn. ⁴	1905
E. B. Fenton, Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)	1906
William M. Scott, Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)	1907
Charles C. Royce, Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)	1908
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1909
William James, Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)	1910
William A. Ogden, Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)	1912
A. S. Fowler, Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)	1913
W. F. Conner, Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915) ⁵	1915
Le Vant Dodge, Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)	1915
E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La. ³	1916
John M. Vernon, Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)	1917
Charles H. Haber, Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)	1918
Isidore Isaacs, New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)	1919
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash. ^{1 4}	1920
Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C. ^{1 6}	1921
C. V. Gardner, Rapid City, S. Dak.	1922
George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md. ^{1 6}	1923
John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr. ^{1 7}	1924
William O. Allen, Newark, N. J. ^{1 4}	1925
Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif. ¹	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, St. Paul, Minn.	1927
Henry J. Kearney, New York City	1928

¹ Present.² Not now a member.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁶ Surgeon general.⁷ Judge advocate general.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876; reorganized March 12, 1899. Membership, December 31, 1928, 20. Posts, 2]

Department commander-----	William A. Rife----	Citronelle.
Senior vice department commander-----	Thomas Barr-----	New Orleans.
Junior vice department commander-----	C. M. Ingersoll-----	Mobile.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John A. Barr ¹ -----	Citronelle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle, 1868-1870. ²	C. A. Cook, 1908. ²
Datus E. Coon, 1871. ²	Thomas R. Gockel, 1909. ²
George H. Patrick, 1871-1880. ²	Henry M. Austin, Birmingham, 1910.
F. G. Sheppard, 1889. ²	Charles C. Chapin, 1911. ²
Seymour Bullock, 1890. ²	W. H. Brooks, 1912. ²
A. B. Hayes, 1891. ²	Joseph Greenwood, 1913. ²
William Snyder, 1892. ²	Anson B. Culver, 1914. ²
J. Clyde Millar, 1893. ²	Charles A. Mange, 1915. ²
Charles W. Buckley, 1894. ²	J. J. Powers, 1916. ²
Manoah Bostick, 1895. ²	E. F. Quinn, 1917. ²
George Wollenhaupt, 1896. ³	Isaac W. Higgs, 1918. ²
W. H. Black, 1897. ²	A. W. Fulghum, Birmingham, 1919.
A. G. Bethard, 1898. ²	John A. Barr, Citronelle, 1920. ¹
A. P. Stone, 1899. ³	James Ashworth, Birmingham, 1921.
George B. Randolph, 1900. ²	Chester K. Roe, 1922. ²
G. F. Jackson, Birmingham, 1901. ^{1 4}	George Hoenig, Cullman, 1923.
E. D. Bacon, 1902. ²	Henry F. Dodd, Whistler, 1924.
R. H. Allison, 1903. ²	Frank McCloud, Fairhope, 1925.
Henry Chairsell, Birmingham, 1904.	W. W. Clapp, Birmingham, 1926.
A. G. Negley, 1905. ²	Littleton W. Williams, Birmingham, 1927.
A. N. Ballard, 1906. ²	William Rife, Citronelle, 1928.
W. M. Campbell, 1907. ²	
Charles E. Peck, 1908. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas Barr, New Orleans, La.	William Rife, Citronelle, 1927.
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Scarlet, Republic, 1927.	C. M. Ingersoll, Whittler.
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¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Not now a member of the order.

⁴ National council of administration.

ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1928, 51. Posts, 6]

Department commander-----	Samuel Henderson ¹ -----	Little Rock
Senior vice department commander--	W. B. Brown ¹ -----	Little Rock
Junior vice department commander--	M. C. Stouteagle-----	Little Rock
Assistant adjutant general-----	John Q. Hayes-----	Little Rock

REPRESENTATIVES

Neut Eagle, Little Rock.
J. M. Bryant, Little Rock.

ALTERNATES

Edgar Henry, Little Rock.
J. E. Cox, Fort Smith.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, 1883-84.²
C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla., 1885.
C. C. Waters, 1886.²
Thomas Boles, 1887.²
S. K. Robinson, 1888.²
A. S. Fowler, 1889-90.²
W. H. H. Clayton, 1891.²
Powell Clayton, 1892.²
Logan H. Roots, 1893.²
Thomas H. Barnes, 1893-94.²
William C. Roberts, 1895.²
O. H. Spellman, 1896.²
A. H. Sockland, 1897.²
W. G. Gray, 1898.²
George W. Clark, 1899.²
A. L. Thompson, 1900.²
W. G. Akers, 1901.²
J. H. Avery, 1902-3.²
Edward T. Wolfe, 1904.³
W. S. Bartholomew, 1905.²
John W. Lane, 1906.²

Cos Altenberg, Little Rock, 1907.^{1 4}
Charles E. Newman, 1908.²
A. Y. Killingsworth, 1909.²
J. M. McClintock, 1910.²
R. J. Maxson, 1911.²
F. W. Tucker, 1912.²
A. S. Fowler, 1913-14.²
Charles C. Warner, 1915.²
H. F. Wallace, 1916.²
O. J. Kyler, 1917.²
Horace Wyman, 1918.²
Samuel Henderson, 1919.
Jacob E. Leas, 1920.²
George W. Clark, 1921.²
C. H. Parish, 1922.²
George W. Clark, 1923.²
Orin Parker, Bentonville, 1924.
W. C. Stouteagle, Little Rock, 1925.
John Q. Hays, Little Rock, 1926-27.
Samuel Henderson, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. W. Richardson, Eureka Springs, 1924.	E. S. Kinsey, Gentry, 1926.
C. J. Aldridge, Siloam Springs, 1925.	A. L. Herrick, Little Rock, 1927.
	W. C. Stouteagle, Little Rock, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. S. Osborne, Eureka Springs, 1925. W. H. Osborne, Siloam Springs, 1928.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1928, 2,049. Posts, 82]

Department commander-----	Darwin B. Wolcott ¹ ---	Los Angeles.
Senior vice department commander-----	John C. Chapman-----	San Francisco.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. H. Mershon-----	Los Angeles.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Robert M. Crouch-----	Los Angeles.

REPRESENTATIVES

P. S. Lynch, San Bernardino.
A. I. Aldrich, Stockton.
O. H. Mennet, Los Angeles.
W. H. Ellsworth, San Bernardino.¹

J. S. Stanley, Selma.
F. B. Barber.¹
O. B. Halsbad, Oroville.
James McConnell, Chico.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Not now a member of the order.⁴ National council of administration.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

H. L. Judell, San Francisco.	J. S. Wilson, Los Angeles. ¹
J. W. Renouf, Inglewood. ¹	I. F. Hazleton. ¹
J. Millikan, Lodi. ¹	Martin L. Guth, Oakland.
J. B. Bartley, Visalia. ¹	A. F. White, Pasadena.
J. C. Lawrence, Pasadena.	Robt. Lynn, Pasadena.
S. W. Thayer. ¹	S. S. Stowe, Watts.
R. H. Shifflett. ¹	A. Lingenfelter, Los Angeles. ¹
Charles Hecox, Soldiers Home, Sattelle. ¹	H. C. Veatch, Oroville.
James Dixon, Long Beach. ¹	F. Woodman. ¹
James H. Rouse, Glendale.	W. W. Britton. ¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Miller (provisional), 1867. ²	George Stone, 1901. ²
James Coey, 1868–69. ²	W. G. Hawley, 1902. ²
W. L. Campbell, 1870. ²	William R. Shafter, 1903. ²
W. E. McArthur, 1871–72. ²	Charles T. Rice, 1904. ²
W. H. Aiken, 1873–74. ²	W. W. Russell, 1905. ²
A. Carlson, 1875. ²	William C. Alberger, 1906. ²
A. C. Bagley, 1876. ²	William G. Waters, 1907. ²
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, 1877. ⁵	Samuel Merrill, 1908. ²
S. P. Ford, 1878–79. ²	W. S. Daubenspeck, 1909. ²
C. Mason Kinne, 1880–81. ²	E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, 1910.
W. A. Robinson, 1882. ²	H. V. Parker, 1911. ²
J. W. Staples, 1883. ²	W. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912.
James M. Davis, 1884. ²	G. M. Stormout, Pomona, 1913. ²
R. H. Warfield, 1885. ²	B. B. Tuttle, 1914. ²
W. R. Smedburg, 1886. ²	Hiram P. Thompson, 1915. ²
E. S. Salomon, 1887. ²	A. E. Leavitt, 1916. ²
T. H. Goodman, 1888. ²	C. H. Haskins, Los Angeles, 1917. ¹
George E. Gard, 1889. ²	John H. Roberts, 1918. ²
A. J. Buckles, 1890. ²	R. C. Martin, Los Angeles, 1919. ¹
W. H. L. Barnes, 1891. ²	George D. Kellogg, 1920 (died in office). ²
J. B. Fuller, 1892. ²	G. M. Burlingame, 1920. ²
E. C. Seymour, 1893. ²	William H. Noll, Los Angeles, 1921. ^{1 4}
J. M. Walling, Nevada City, 1894.	S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, 1922. ¹
C. E. Wilson, 1895. ²	James R. Milner, Long Beach, 1923. ²
T. C. Masteller, 1896. ²	George W. Grannis, 1924. ²
N. P. Chipman, 1897. ²	C. S. Stoddard, 1925. ²
Sol Cahen, 1898. ²	Peter H. Mass, San Francisco, 1926. ⁴
A. F. Dill, 1899. ²	W. A. Packard, Los Angeles, 1927.
George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.	H. H. Woodruff, Oakland, 1928.

J. Clyde Millar, 1893, transferred from Alabama.²
 George Hoxworth, 1897, transferred from Arizona.²
 James P. Rhodes, 1920, transferred from Arizona.⁵
 D. P. Kyle, 1921, transferred from Arizona.²
 H. F. Wallace, 1916, transferred from Arkansas.²
 U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
 R. H. Mellette, 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.²
 P. Q. Stoner, 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.²
 Silas Wilson, 1919, transferred from Idaho.²
 Joseph S. Reynolds, 1877, transferred from Illinois.²
 John J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.⁴
 O. H. Coulter, 1899, transferred from Kansas.²
 Perry H. Manchester, 1900, transferred from Montana.²
 A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
 Clarendon E. Adams, 1895, transferred from Nebraska.²
 James W. Edwards, Fullerton, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Not now a member of the order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior commander in chief.

H. B. Steward, Santa Monica, 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York.
 William A. Bentley, 1891, transferred from North Dakota.²
 J. P. Cummings, 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.²
 James E. Burns, Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
 W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
 W. S. Tilton, Burbank, 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
 M. V. Lucas, 1884-1886, transferred from South Dakota.²
 E. T. Langley, 1890, transferred from South Dakota.²
 Philip Lawrence, Pomona, 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
 Thomas E. Blanchard, 1902, transferred from South Dakota.²
 M. A. Breeden, 1900, transferred from Utah.²
 William H. Bostaph, San Leandro, 1902, transferred from Utah.
 Frank M. Davis, 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.²
 W. H. Wiscombe, Long Beach, 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska
 John J. See, Pasadena, 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George W. Herr, Sacramento, 1909.	Arthur E. Vest, San Diego, 1923.
H. G. Thompson, Berkeley, 1917.	M. E. Gates, San Francisco, 1924.
E. C. Durfee, Santa Barbara, 1921.	John C. Kendrick, Pasadena, 1926. ²
John T. Nourse, San Francisco, 1922.	H. L. Gould, Los Gatos.

H. P. Barnum, San Diego, 1897, transferred from Illinois.
 John H. Ogle, San Diego, 1915, transferred from Indiana.
 Perry H. Bahl, San Diego, 1917, transferred from Missouri.
 James A. Wear, Veterans' Home, 1911, transferred from Utah.
 Peter Swick, Pomona, 1906, transferred from Iowa.¹
 Charles H. Hall, Santa Monica, 1899, transferred from Pennsylvania.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Wm. H. Wharff, Berkeley, 1890. ¹	S. W. Sutton, Santa Ana, 1924.
Barney Brown, Long Beach, 1917.	Abram E. Cohn, San Francisco, 1925.
Alden B. Willey, Vallejo, 1918.	Wm. L. Stone, Santa Rosa, 1926.
P. E. Newman, Santa Ana, 1919.	Henry H. Wood, Long Beach, 1927.
L. W. Allum, Riversade, 1922.	J. L. Hattery, Long Beach, 1928.
A. A. Wood, Modesto, 1923.	

W. H. Sallada, Los Angeles, 1884, transferred from Iowa.
 Julius S. Smith, National City, 1899, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 H. S. Clyde, Modesto, 1912, transferred from Oregon.
 F. E. Wyman, San Jose, 1928.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as department of the mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1892; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1928, 284. Posts, 31]

Department commander-----	W. E. Moses ¹ -----	Denver.
Senior vice department commander..	R. Q. Tenney-----	Boulder.
Junior vice department commander..	A. B. Pope ¹ -----	Laramie.
Assistant adjutant general-----	William Wilson ¹ -----	Denver.

REPRESENTATIVES

David Heiser (at large), Colorado Springs.¹
 E. W. Beghtol, 320 State Museum, Denver.
 P. W. Copeland, Denver.¹
 Henry Hoffman, Denver.¹

¹ Present.

ALTERNATES

Frank C. Hitchcock (at large). Denver.¹
 (Delegation instructed to supply all vacancies at national encampment.)

² Deceased.

COLORADO AND WYOMING—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, 1876. ²	Richard H. Mellette, 1907. ² (see California and Nevada).
Andrew W. Taylor, 1878-79. ²	Henry C. Watson, 1908. ²
John W. Donnellan, 1880-82. ²	John W. Wingate, Durango, 1909.
Eugene K. Stimson, 1882-83. ²	William W. Ferguson, 1910 (died in office). ²
Byron L. Carr, 1884. ²	William H. McDonald, Grand Junction, 1910.
Animman V. Bohn, 1885. ²	Dexter T. Sapp, 1911. ²
Henry Bowman, 1886. ²	Henry M. Minor, 1912. ²
George Ady, 1887. ²	Cyrus A. Brooks, 1913. ²
John W. Browning, 1888. ²	O. S. Reed, 1914. ²
Thomas J. Fisher, 1889. ²	Frank O. Burdick, 1915. ²
Delos L. Holden, 1890. ²	James Moynahan, 1916. ²
George W. Cook, 1891. ²	William H. Comstock, 1917. ²
John C. Kennedy, 1892. ²	Asa Curl, 1918. ²
Myron W. Reed, 1893. ²	Carol M. Bills, 1919. ²
Nathaniel Rollins, 1894. ²	Marshall S. Crawford, 1920. ²
Nicholas J. O'Brien, 1895. ²	James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, 1921. ¹
Horace O. Dodge, 1896. ²	Samuel J. Capps, 1922 (died in office). ²
U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, Calif., 1897. ³	A. W. Hogle, Denver, 1923. ¹
William T. S. May, 1898. ²	William Butler, Longmont, 1923. ²
Andrew Royal, 1899. ²	J. C. Plank, 1924. ²
Harper M. Orahoad, 1900. ²	J. L. Randall, Denver, 1925. ¹
Linus E. Sherman, 1901. ²	W. M. Robertson, Denver, 1926.
James W. Huff, 1902. ²	J. E. Laycock, Manitou, 1927.
Harrison S. Vaughn, 1903. ²	C. Ricketts, Boulder, 1928.
Thomas J. Downen, 1904. ²	
George W. Curfman, 1905. ²	
Loren C. Dana, 1906. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Conkie, Denver, 1909. ¹	A. J. Winters, Rocky Ford, 1925.
J. B. Stewart, Fort Morgan, 1913. ¹	A. H. Mies, Denver, 1927. ¹
John A. Butler, Longmont, 1920. ¹	W. E. Moses, Denver, 1928.
J. M. Lawrence, Soldiers and Sailors' Home, 1922. ¹	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

D. D. Finch, Trinidad, 1898. ¹	A. Minneair, Denver, 1926. ¹
A. A. Baxter, La Junta, 1920.	Mathew Woods, Denver, 1927. ¹
E. E. Fitch, Laramie, Wyo., 1921. ¹	A. J. Rawson, Olathe, 1928.
John B. Bowersox, Longmont, 1923. ¹	
A. M. Story, Denver, 1890, transferred from New Mexico. ⁴	

CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1928, 362. Posts, 44]

Department commander-----	James Haggerty ¹ -----	Willimantic.
Senior vice department commander---	Frank A. Cargill ¹ -----	Bridgeport.
Junior vice department commander--	Lewis L. Baker-----	New London.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Edward T. Abbott ¹ -----	Bridgeport.

REPRESENTATIVES

John H. Batterson, South Norwalk.¹
Morgan N. Atwater, New Haven.¹
James Collins, Hartford.¹
Homer F. Northrop, Waterbury.¹
Charles E. Hart, New Haven.¹
Frank A. Cargill, Bridgeport.

ALTERNATES

Lyman Whitehead, Danbury.
Charles H. Ruscoe, New Canaan.
E. C. Crocker, Norwich.
John Crowther, New Haven.
William Singleton, New Haven.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Not now a member of the order.⁴ National council of administration.

CONNECTICUT—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland, 1867. ²	Thomas Boudren, 1901. ²
Theodore G. Ellis, 1868-69. ²	N. Burton Rogers, 1902. ²
William H. Mallory, 1870-71. ²	Morgan G. Bulkeley, 1903. ²
L. A. Dickinson, 1872-73. ²	William C. Hilliard, 1904. ²
Charles S. Buckbee, 1874-75. ²	Albert A. May, 1905. ²
William E. Disbrow, 1876-77. ²	Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906.
Frank G. Otis, 1878. ²	Charles A. Appel, 1907. ²
Charles E. Fowler, 1878-79. ²	Edward Griswold, 1908. ²
George S. Smith, 1880. ²	George Haven, New London, 1909.
Alfred B. Beers, 1881. ²	Edson S. Bishop, 1910.
Ira E. Hicks, 1882. ²	Richard J. Cutbill, 1911. ²
Isaac B. Hyatt, 1883. ²	William H. Dougal, 1912. ²
William Berry, 1884. ²	James R. Sloane, 1913. ²
Frank D. Sloat, 1885. ²	Fred V. Streeter, 1914. ²
John T. Crary, 1886. ²	Charles Griswold, 1915. ²
Henry E. Taintor, 1887. ²	Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, 1916. ¹
Samuel B. Horne, 1888. ²	Benjamin H. Cheney, 1917. ²
William H. Pierpont, 1889. ²	Christian Quien, 1918. ²
John C. Broatch, 1890. ²	George T. Meech, Middletown, 1919.
Henry N. Fanton, 1891. ²	Randolph Williamson, 1920. ²
Benajah P. Smith, 1892. ²	Christian Swartz, Norwalk, 1921. ¹
Wilbur F. Rogers, 1893. ²	Orrin M. Price, 1922. ²
Selah G. Blakeman, 1894. ²	John L. Saxe, 1923. ²
John M. Brewer, 1895. ²	Ira R. Wildman, Danbury, 1924. ¹
Oscar W. Cornish, 1896. ²	James W. Davis, 1925. ²
Gustav D. Bates, 1897. ²	James R. Young, Waterville, 1926. ¹
William Simonds, 1898. ²	Charles M. Shailer, Devon, 1927. ¹
Henry R. Jones, 1899. ²	George A. Tucker, 1928. ¹
John K. Bucklyn, 1900. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph J. Noxon, Middletown, 1920.	Adrain P. Sloan, Hartford, 1925. ^{1 4}
William F. Sternberg, New Britain, 1921-22.	Albert P. Stark, Bristol, 1927.
	James Haggerty, Willimantic, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

Adrain P. Sloan, Hartford. ¹	Albert P. Stark, Bristoe.
Charles E. Hart, New Haven.	James Haggerty, Willimantic.
Frank A. Cargill, Bridgeport.	

DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership December 31, 1928, 52. Posts, 4]

Department Commander-----	James T. Twigg-----	Wilmington.
Senior vice department commander-----	James Lynn ¹ -----	Wilmington.
Junior vice department commander-----	Charles Zerby-----	Wilmington.
Assistant adjutant general-----	William Buckius-----	Wilmington.

REPRESENTATIVES

Wesley Boulden, Richardsons Park.¹
Henry Jacobs, Newark.

ALTERNATES

Wm. T. Smith, Richardsons Park.
Celet Woodrove, Wilmington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair, 1881. ²	J. M. Dunn, 1886. ²
John Wainwright, 1882. ²	J. E. Mowbrey, Dover, 1887.
Daniel Ross, 1883. ²	R. G. Buckingham, Newark, 1888.
C. M. Carey, 1884. ³	Peter B. Ayars, 1889. ²
J. S. Litzenberg, 1885. ²	Samuel Lewis, 1890. ²

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Not now a member of the order.⁴ National council of administration.

DELAWARE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

A. J. Woodman, 1891. ²	George C. Morton, 1910. ²
G. W. Stradley, 1892. ²	William Mendenhall, Wilmington, 1911.
B. D. Bogia, 1893. ²	Jesse K. Baylis, 1912. ²
J. E. Vantine, 1894. ²	J. R. Armstrong, 1913. ²
E. F. Wood, Dover, 1895. ²	J. T. Rheims, 1914. ²
William B. Norton, 1896. ²	John P. Riley, 1915. ²
J. S. Bradley, 1897. ²	S. Sheward Johnson, 1916. ²
Robert Liddell, 1898. ²	J. T. Alexander, 1917. ²
William H. Moystin, 1899. ²	Orrin J. Cook, 1918. ²
William A. Reilly, 1900. ²	R. Harry Williams, 1919. ²
John W. Worall, 1901. ²	C. A. W. Frishmuth, Wilmington, 1920.
John C. Garner, 1902. ²	William A. Truitt, 1921. ²
William G. Baugh, sr., 1903. ²	Charles Zerby, Wilmington, 1922.
William Kelley, jr., 1904. ²	Nathaniel L. Henderson, 1923. ²
William Tharp, 1905. ²	Charles R. Lewis, 1924. ²
Ira Lunt, 1906. ²	William H. Middleton, 1925. ²
Jesse Hellings, 1907. ²	Richard D. Buckingham, Newark, 1926.
H. W. Perkins, 1908. ²	William Buckins, Wilmington, 1927.
William H. Blake, 1909. ²	Charles S. Waters, Newark, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Wesley Bolin, Wilmington, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William A. Truitt, Milford. | Wesley Jackson.⁴

FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1928, 251. Posts, 9]

Department commander-----	A. W. Lathrop---	St. Cloud.
Senior vice department commander---	C. E. Beach-----	North St. Petersburg
Junior vice department commander-----	J. H. Simpson---	Zephyrhills.
Assistant adjutant general-----	I. A. Spencer ¹ ---	South St. Petersburg.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. C. Hulet, 2363 Second Avenue
North, St. Petersburg.¹
William Jubb, G. A. R. Hall. St.
Petersburg.^{1 4}
M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.¹
M. M. Monahan, Tampa.¹

ALTERNATES

Thomas B. Crocker, St. Cloud.
Chester Bartholomew, St. Petersburg.
J. H. Simpson, Zephyrhills.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884-85.	J. S. Fairhead, 1900. ²
G. H. Norton, 1886. ²	F. C. Parcell, 1901. ²
E. W. Henck, Longwood, N. J., 1887.	S. Herbert Lancy, 1902. ²
William James, 1888. ²	J. F. Chase, 1903. ²
J. W. V. R. Plummer, 1889. ²	Henry Marcotte, 1904. ²
Fred S. Goodrich, 1890. ³	Thomas J. Owen, 1905. ²
John H. Welsh, Miami, 1891. ^{1 3}	William E. Emerson, 1906. ²
J. De V. Hazzard, 1892. ²	Samuel W. Fox, 1907. ²
George F. Foote, 1893. ²	S. R. Hudson, 1908. ²
David L. Way, 1894. ²	James Skinner, 1909. ²
P. E. McMurray, 1895. ²	James O. Thompson, 1910. ²
L. V. Jenness, 1896. ²	Joseph Bumby, 1911. ²
Charles M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897. ¹	William P. Lynch, 1912. ³
George Packwood, Tampa, 1898.	William S. Siggins, 1913. ²
Edwin Kirby, 1899. ²	Lyman Leighton, 1914. ²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Not now a member of the order.

⁴ National council of administration.

FLORIDA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

James F. Bullard, 1915. ²	C. J. Rose, Miami, 1922.
W. H. Melrath, 1916. ²	Samuel Sage, 1923. ³
John A. Wallace, 1917. ²	James Campbell, St. Cloud, 1924.
H. B. Jeffries, Zephyrhills, 1918.	A. C. Shaffer (died in office), 1925. ²
Theodore W. B. Brake (died in office), 1919. ²	J. A. Brown (died in office), 1925. ²
George E. Field, 1919. ²	J. H. De Graw, St. Cloud, 1926.
Imri A. Spencer, Petersburg, 1920.	A. R. Sawyer, Lakeland, 1926. ²
G. W. Brown, St. Cloud, 1921.	Wayne W. Blossom, Tampa, 1927.

C. E. Beach, St. Petersburg, 1908, transferred from Vermont.
A. P. Rounseville, 1895, transferred from North Dakota.²

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

A. W. Lathrop, St. Cloud, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Ford, St. Petersburg, 1925.	C. B. Parker, Zephyrhills, 1928.
W. Frank Kinney, St. Cloud, 1926.	Christian Peter. ¹

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41)

[Organized January 25, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1928, 15. Posts, 4]

Department commander_____	J. F. McGregor ¹ _____	Fitzgerald.
Senior vice department commander_____	Chas. R. Haskins_____	Atlanta.
Junior vice department commander_____	John Bucher_____	Fitzgerald.
Assistant adjutant general_____	J. W. Howder ¹ _____	Fitzgerald.

REPRESENTATIVE

Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald, Ga.¹⁴

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John R. Lewis, 1889. ²	Chas. R. Haskins, Atlanta, Ga., 1909. ⁷
David Porter, 1890. ²	S. Clay Brown, 1910. ²
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891 (see New York).	F. A. Jones, Tallapoosa, Ga., 1911. ²
Thos. F. Gleason, 1892-93. ²	C. H. Brooks, 1912. ²
C. J. Watson, 1894. ²	P. Q. Stoner, 1913 (see California and Nevada). ²
L. B. Nelson, 1895. ²	I. C. Wade, 1914. ²
John L. Clem, ⁶ Washington, D. C., 1896 (see Potomac).	W. B. Todd, 1915. ²
James P. Averill, 1897. ²	R. S. Smith, 1916. ²
James O. Ladd, Summerville, S. C., 1898.	G. E. Whitman, 1917. ²
Alexander Mattison, 1899. ²	W. P. Randall, 1918. ²
S. A. Darnell, 1900. ²	J. M. Mosher, 1919. ²
Lewis Thayer, 1901. ³	Ira M. Swartz, 1920. ²
W. M. Scott, 1902. ²	C. J. Hitch, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1921. ²
F. D. Lee, 1903. ²	A. M. Crosby, 1922. ²
James A. Commerford, 1904. ²	Patrick Ryan, 1923. ²
Charles F. Fairbanks, 1905. ²	C. W. Morrell (died in office), 1924. ²
Wm. H. Kimball, 1906. ²	Charles H. Cox, Atlanta, Ga., 1924.
C. P. Webster, 1907. ²	Darius Nelson, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1925, 1928. ²
Leander Scott, 1908. ²	B. F. Pim, 1926. ²
	J. W. Howder, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1927. ⁷

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Not now a member of the order.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁶ Past senior vice commander in chief.

⁷ Junior vice department commander.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, 1926.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Chas. R. Haskins, Atlanta, Ga., 1928.

IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1928, 137. Posts, 12]

Department commander-----	Otto F. Steen ¹ -----	Boise.
Senior vice department commander-----	Jeremiah Williams.	
Junior vice department commander-----	J. W. Price.	
Assistant adjutant general-----	James W. Shields ¹ -----	Boise.

REPRESENTATIVES

S. H. McCullough, American Falls.
G. M. Getts, Boise.

ALTERNATES

H. F. Knight (at large) Payette.
E. G. Burnet, Boise.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye, 1888. ²	Stewart Young, 1909. ²
A. S. Senter, 1889. ²	Willard White, 1910. ²
W. T. Riley, 1890. ²	M. W. Wood, Boise, 1911.
Judson Spofford, Boise, 1891. ¹	J. W. Shields, Twin Falls, 1912.
A. O. Ingalls, 1892. ²	A. G. Nettleton, 1913. ²
R. H. Barton, 1893. ²	H. J. Newhouse, 1914. ²
T. J. Groome, 1894. ²	William H. Cable, 1915. ²
D. H. Budlong, 1895. ²	R. H. Barnes, Twin Falls, 1916.
J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896.	George F. Kimery, Boise, 1917. ²
Lindol Smith, 1897. ²	F. T. Page, Weiser, 1918.
N. F. Kimball, 1898. ²	Silas Wilson, 1919. ²
S. L. Thompson, 1899. ²	John Carr, 1920. ²
Charles A. Clark, 1900. ²	William S. Hawkes, 1921. ²
William C. Maxey, 1901. ²	William Bower, Boise, 1922.
George M. Parsons, 1902. ²	F. J. Titus, Nampa, 1923.
E. S. Whittier, 1903. ²	C. L. Longley, Twin Falls, 1924. ⁴
C. F. Drake, 1904. ²	George Gardner, 1925. ²
George A. Manning, 1905. ²	John S. Thorn, Boise, 1926.
Alfred Anderson, 1906. ²	R. P. Drury, Moscow, 1927. ²
A. M. Rowe, 1907. ²	W. J. Neely, 1928
William K. Jameson, 1908. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Adam Aulbach, Murray, 1912.	James M. Gill, Boise, 1924.
G. E. Keyes, Sandpoint, 1915.	E. F. Conklin, Coeur d'Alene, 1926.
Frank Gibbon, Pocatello, 1917.	W. H. Johns. Caldwell, 1927.
John Frederick, Coeur d'Alene, 1923.	Otto F. Steen, Boise, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. J. Leeson, Nampa, 1917.	W. T. Johnson, Moscow, 1927.
James M. Brice, Twin Falls, 1919.	W. H. Johns, Caldwell, 1928.
A. A. Taylor, Boise, 1922.	James Wently. ¹

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1928, 2,043. Posts, 203]

Department commander-----	Henry B. Davidson ¹ ----	Springfield.
Senior vice department commander-----	Lewis F. Lake-----	Rockford.
Junior vice department commander-----	James H. Campbell ¹ -----	Chicago.
Assistant adjutant general-----	James C. Thomas ¹ -----	Chicago.

REPRESENTATIVES

William N. Morris, Litchfield.¹
 Frank Munsell, Chicago.¹
 Valentine Eckert, Chicago.¹
 N. A. Wing, Chicago.¹
 John Mallory, Chicago.
 John Carmichael, Chicago.
 J. L. Albritton, Chicago.
 A. E. Gage, Chicago.¹
 Charles Oakley, Chicago.¹
 H. K. Walcott, Batavia.
 Henry McFarland, Rockford.¹
 George Sanders, Rochelle.¹
 John W. Lusk, Monmouth.
 J. M. Franklin, Quincy.¹
 A. C. Best, Princeton.¹
 O. A. T. Stewart, Bloomington.¹
 Frederick Buy, Danville.¹
 D. H. Lehman, Urbana.¹
 Elijah Jones, Springfield.¹
 D. C. Zimmerman, Vandalia.¹
 James N. Fitch, Cobden.¹

ALTERNATES

George A. Green, Chicago.¹
 J. J. Semple, Chicago.¹
 W. H. Amrose, Chicago.
 Charles W. Beam, Chicago.¹
 John Sherman, Chicago.
 J. H. Cummings, Evanston.¹
 Killian Inners, Chicago.
 E. E. Taylor, Elgin.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, 1866.²
 John M. Palmer, 1866-1868.²
 Charles E. Lippincott, 1871.²
 Guy T. Gould, 1873.²
 H. Hillard, 1874-1876.²
 Joseph S. Reynolds, 1877.²
 T. B. Coulter, 1878.²
 A. C. Sweetser, 1887.²
 James A. Sexton, 1888.²
 James S. Martin, 1889.²
 William L. Distin, 1890.²
 Horace S. Clark, 1891.²
 Edwin Harlan, 1892.²
 Edwin A. Blodgett, 1893.²
 H. H. McDowell, 1894.²
 William H. Powell, 1895.²
 W. G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.
 A. L. Schimpff, 1897.²
 John C. Black, 1898.²
 John B. Inman, Springfield, 1899.^{1 6}
 J. M. Longnecker, 1900.²
 N. B. Thistlewood, 1901.²
 H. M. Trimble, 1902.²
 Benson Wood, 1903.²
 Robert Mann Woods, 1904.²
 John C. Smith, 1905.²
 Edwin H. Buck, 1906.²
 A. C. Mathews, 1907.²
 Edgar D. Swain, 1879-80.²

J. W. Burst, 1881.²
 Thomas G. Lawler, 1882.²
 Samuel A. Harper, 1883.²
 L. T. Dickason, 1884.²
 W. W. Berry, 1885.²
 Philip Sidney Post, 1886.²
 Joseph Rosenbaum, 1908.²
 Philip C. Hayes, 1909.²
 James A. Connolly, 1910.²
 C. C. Duffy, 1911.²
 Thomas H. Gault, 1912.²
 J. H. Crowder, Bethany, 1913.
 Samuel Fallows, 1914.²
 John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.
 W. F. Calhoun, Decatur, 1916.²
 C. S. Bentley, 1917.²
 Joseph W. Fifer, Bloomington, 1918.
 Henry D. Fulton, Chicago, 1919.²
 Edwin N. Armstrong, 1920.²
 Wm. P. Wright, Chicago, 1921.^{1 4}
 E. P. Bartlett (died in office), 1922.²
 J. M. Oulson, Godfrey, 1922.
 Wm. J. Libberton, 1923.²
 Philip Smith, Peoria, 1924.
 O. R. McKenney, Chicago, 1925.
 John E. Andrew, Quincy, 1926.¹
 D. H. Harper, Chicago, 1927.
 Charles T. Marsh, 1928.¹

Milton J. Stewart, 1885, transferred from Kansas.²Charles M. Travis, 1889, transferred from Indiana.²¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Past senior vice commander in chief.

ILLINOIS—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. M. Campbell, Peoria, 1882.
 J. F. Harrall, Aurora, 1890.
 Ivory H. Pike, Oak Park, 1891.
 Fred N. Boyer, Olney, 1900.
 E. A. Thomas, E. St. Louis, 1903.
 O. R. McKenney, 1913.
 Samuel L. Campbell, Mattoon, 1914.¹

J. D. Oulson, 1923.
 J. H. Freeman, Aurora, 1925.
 John Underfanger, Springfield, 1926.
 B. D. Black, Decatur, 1927.
 A. T. Ives, Bloomington, 1928.
 Edwin B. West.²

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry Emerich, Galesburg, 1897.
 John N. Collier, Gibson City, 1903.
 J. H. Myers, Forreston, 1906.
 H. K. Wolcott, Batavia, 1916.
 W. J. Dickinson, Joliet, 1924.

H. M. Studebaker, Streator, 1926.
 John Offerman, Peoria, 1927.
 Willis Hickman, Chicago, 1928.¹
 John N. Stewart.¹

INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1928, 1,306. Posts, 124]

Department commander-----	Charles E. Hale ¹ -----	Logansport.
Senior vice department commander-----	F. M. McNair-----	Martinsville.
Junior vice department commander-----	Q. A. Hunt-----	Terre Haute.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. B. Crampton ¹ -----	Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES

Vinson Carter, Indianapolis.¹
 J. W. Ziegler, Evansville.¹
 L. W. Shields, Bloomington.¹
 Charles Strauch, Jeffersonville.
 James W. Feagler, North Vernon.¹
 William E. Chappell, Terre Haute.
 R. W. Gilbreth, Knightstown.
 Clinton Gardner, Liberty.
 John G. McKay, Indianapolis.¹
 I. S. Wagner, Indianapolis.¹
 David Kinney, Indianapolis.
 William L. Lundy, Anderson.
 E. H. Cowan, Crawfordsville.¹
 John W. Barnes, Kokomo.¹
 R. D. Hoover, Lafayette.
 F. H. Hartel, Logansport.¹
 R. C. Miller, Fort Wayne.
 A. Hunneshagen, Kewanee.

ALTERNATES

D. C. Anderson, Huntington.¹
 James Kilmartin, Princeton.¹
 William Brewer, Worthington.¹
 R. Robinson, New Albany.¹
 Fred H. Plump, Seymour.¹
 Q. A. Hunt, Terre Haute.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, 1866-1868.²
 Nathan Kimball, 1867.²
 Oliver M. Wilson, 1869.²
 Louis Humphrey, 1870-71.²
 Jonathan B. Hagar, 1879.²
 Samuel E. Armstrong, 1880.²
 William W. Dudley, 1881.²
 James R. Carnahan, 1882-83.²
 Edwin Nicar, 1884.²
 David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, 1885.^{1 4}
 Thomas W. Bennett, 1886.²
 Ira J. Chase, 1887.²

Argus D. Vanosdol, 1888.²
 Chas. M. Travis (see Illinois), 1889.²
 Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.⁴
 Ivan N. Walker, 1891.²
 Joseph B. Cheadle, 1892.²
 James T. Johnston, 1893.²
 Albert O. Marsh, 1894.²
 Harvey B. Shively, 1895.²
 Henry M. Caylor, 1896.²
 James S. Dodge, 1897.²
 Daniel Ryan, 1898.²
 William L. Dunlap, 1899.²

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

INDIANA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

David E. Breem, 1900. ²	A. B. Crampton, Delphi, 1914. ¹
Milton Garrigus, 1901. ²	Lewis King, Columbus, 1915. ²
Benjamin Starr, 1902. ²	V. V. Williams, 1916. ²
George W. Grubbs, 1903. ²	Samuel M. Hench, Fort Wayne, 1917.
Daniel R. Lucas, 1904. ²	Alonzo Murphy, Greensburg, 1918.
Marine D. Tackett, 1905. ²	William F. Medsker, 1919. ²
Edmund R. Brown, Winamac, 1906.	Robert W. McBride, 1920. ²
William A. Ketcham, 1907. ²	Richard H. Tyner, Newcastle, 1921.
John D. Alexander, Springville, 1908.	William A. Kelsey, Fort Wayne, 1922
Orlando A. Somers, 1909. ²	Albert J. Ball, Indianapolis, 1923.
Alexander P. Asbury, 1910. ²	F. M. VanPelt, Anderson, 1924.
Daniel Waugh, 1911. ²	David Strouse, Danville, 1925. ²
Frank Swigart (died in office), 1912. ²	James W. Spain, Evansville, 1926. ²
Wilber E. Gorsuch, 1912. ²	John H. Hoffman, Ligonier, 1927. ¹
Daniel W. Comstock, 1913. ²	W. F. Molyneaux, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Davenport, Richmond, 1912. ⁴	William Kemp, Frankfort, 1924. ¹
C. C. Schreeded, Evansville, 1917.	Valentine Marx, Osceola, 1925.
Charles W. Shaw, Bloomington, 1920.	Robert M. Morton, Princeton, 1927.
Virgil E. Chance, Connersville, 1922. ¹	Phil R. Brown, Franklin, 1928. ¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James S. Wright, Rockport, 1920.	Jacob E. Meyers, Culver, 1927.
William Matthews, Centerville, 1925.	Isaac Austin, Noblesville, 1928. ¹
Eli G. Anderson, Fort Wayne, 1926.	

IOWA (19)

[Organized September, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership. December 31, 1928, 1,389. Posts, 142]

Department commander-----	J. K. Ewing ¹ -----	Villisca.
Senior vice department commander-----	Joseph Pratt-----	Fort Dodge.
Junior vice department commander-----	L. A. Devendorf ¹ -----	Eldora.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John P. Risley ¹ -----	Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES

John T. Lucas, Marshallton.¹
 J. T. Smith, Burlington.
 Fred Worth, Davenport.
 Richard Roesmier, Dubuque.¹
 William Blades, Dubuque.
 H. B. Kelly, Grundy Center.¹
 George E. Beatty, Tipton.¹
 Michael Hawk, Sioux City.¹
 A. C. Stone, Ottumwa.
 B. O. Witter, Perry.¹
 Albert Miller, Perry.¹
 W. P. Allred, Corydon.¹
 Garrett Hubbell, Harlan.
 H. D. Dessinger, Fort Dodge.¹
 N. R. Hathaway, Sioux City.¹
 B. F. Stowe, Des Moines.¹

ALTERNATES

Eugene Allen, Cedar Rapids.¹
 Charles McCoy, Keokuk.
 H. P. Brown, Davenport.
 J. Brandon, Dubuque.
 John Furman, Eldora.¹
 W. T. McKee, Massena.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

IOWA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, 1874-75. ²	S. H. Harper, 1905. ²
A. A. Perkins, 1876-1878. ²	C. A. Clark, 1906. ²
H. E. Griswold, 1879. ²	D. J. Palmer, Washington, 1907.
W. F. Conrad, 1880. ²	J. C. Milliman, Santa Monica, Calif., 1908.
Peter V. Carey, 1881. ²	M. McDonald, 1909. ²
George B. Hugin, 1882. ²	H. A. Dyer, 1910. ²
John B. Cook, 1883. ²	Lot Abraham, 1911. ²
E. G. Miller, 1884. ²	J. D. Brown, 1912. ²
W. R. Manning, 1885. ²	J. W. Willett, Tama, 1913. ¹
W. A. McHenry, 1886. ²	Byron C. Ward, 1914. ²
J. M. Tuttle, 1887. ²	John F. Merry, 1915. ²
E. A. Consigny, 1888. ²	John H. Mills, Redfield, 1916. ¹
Charles H. Smith, 1889. ²	J. L. Farrington, 1917. ²
Mason P. Mills, 1890. ²	E. J. C. Bealer, Cedar Rapids, 1918. ¹
Charles L. Davidson, 1891. ²	A. G. Beatty, Independence, 1919. ²
J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, Calif., 1892.	R. L. Chase, 1920. ²
Phil Schaller, 1893. ²	J. B. Harsh, 1921. ²
George A. Newman, 1894. ²	L. J. Kron, 1922. ²
J. K. P. Thompson, 1895. ²	W. W. Gist (died in office), 1923. ²
Josiah Given, 1896. ²	W. S. Freeman, Le Mars, 1923.
A. H. Evans, 1897. ²	W. H. Needham (died in office), 1924. ²
R. W. Tirrell, 1898. ²	D. B. Cowles (died in office), 1924. ²
C. F. Bailey, 1899. ²	Orlando S. Hartman, 1925. ²
M. B. Davis, 1900. ²	Frank Dagle, Des Moines, 1925. ²
George Metzger, 1901. ²	E. J. Stonebraker, Hampton, 1926. ⁴
John Lindt, 1902. ²	Oley Nelson, Slater, 1927. ^{1 4}
L. B. Raymond, 1903. ²	J. W. Stratton, 1928.
R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. E. McCurdy, 1900.	T. F. Shannon, Waterloo, 1921.
J. F. McNeill, Oskaloosa, 1905.	George Hunter, Iowa City, 1922.
J. T. Smith, Burlington, 1914.	C. T. Miller, Keokuk, 1926.
W. H. Barker, Sioux City, 1915. ²	E. P. Taylor, Fairfield, 1927.
M. T. Scanlan, Des Moines, 1918.	Watson Riden, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. Schoonover, Des Moines, 1900.	G. H. Clement, Marshalltown, 1926.
J. A. Kent, Perry, 1908.	John F. Baker, Newton, 1927.
W. H. Easterly, Clinton, 1917, 1919.	J. B. Carman, 1928.

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1928, 1,400. Posts, 175]

Department commander-----	J. W. Priddy ¹ -----	Topeka.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. H. Harvey-----	Emporia.
Junior vice department commander-----	F. M. Straub-----	Cherryvale.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. H. King-----	Kansas City.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

KANSAS—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
J. W. Malloy, McLouth. ¹	J. G. Byington, National Military Home. ¹
N. L. Flinton, Topeka.	Scott Kelsey, Topeka.
N. W. McCandless, Ottawa.	S. L. Abbott, Fort Scott.
E. S. Kirkpatrick, Wellsville. ¹	E. N. Kuhn, Lawrence.
B. Merritt, Independence.	Fred Huffman, Coffeyville.
J. W. Dill, Chanute. ¹	
N. H. Abbott, Winfield.	
A. L. Lanning, Melvern.	
F. D. Dewey, Emporia.	
F. V. Close, Abilene.	
J. T. Cumberland, Salina. ¹	
R. R. Manchester, Smith Center. ¹	
A. O. Gore, Stafford.	
David Allen, Jetmore. ¹	
J. E. Huston, Caldwell. ¹	
Grear Nagle, Wichita. ¹	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, 1866-67. ²	H. C. Loomis, 1902. ²
John C. Carpenter, 1868. ²	Abraham W. Smith, 1903. ²
W. S. Jenkins, 1872 (see Missouri). ²	Charles Harris, 1904. ²
Stephen A. Cobb, 1872-1875. ²	P. H. Coney, Topeka, 1905-6. ¹
John Guthrie, 1876. ²	R. A. Campbell, 1907. ²
J. H. Gilpatrick, 1877-78. ²	W. A. Morgan, 1908. ²
J. C. Walkinshaw, 1879-1882. ²	Joe H. Rickel, 1909. ²
Thomas J. Anderson, 1883. ²	Nathan E. Harmon, 1910. ²
Homer W. Pond, 1884. ²	T. P. Anderson, 1911. ²
Milton J. Stewart, 1885 (see Illinois). ²	J. N. Harrison, 1912-13. ²
C. J. McDivett, 1886. ²	Ira D. Brougher, 1914. ²
T. H. Soward, 1887 (see Oklahoma). ²	C. A. Meek, 1915. ²
J. W. Feighan, 1888. ²	R. M. Painter, 1916. ²
Henry Booth, 1889. ²	A. C. Pierce, 1917. ²
Ira A. Collins, 1890. ²	W. W. Smith, 1918. ²
Timothy McCarthy, 1891. ²	Theodore Gardner, Lawrence, 1919.
A. R. Green, 1892. ²	Joseph A. Walter, 1920. ²
Bernard Kelly, 1893. ²	George P. Washburn, 1921 (died in office). ²
W. P. Campbell, Wichita, 1894. ¹	E. W. Bowman, Wichita, 1921.
John P. Harris, 1895. ²	William W. Dennison, Topeka, 1922.
W. C. Whitney, 1896. ²	William H. Mitchell, 1923. ²
Theo Botkin, 1897. ²	A. Graff, Wellington, 1924.
D. W. Eastman, 1898 (see Oklahoma). ²	Fred Jackson, McPherson, 1925. ¹
O. H. Coulter, 1899 (see California and Nevada). ²	Samuel Baughman, Chanute, 1926. ¹
W. W. Martin, 1900. ²	R. H. McWhorter, Coffeyville, 1927. ⁴
J. B. Remington, 1901. ²	H. I. Merrill, Wichita, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. B. Rhodes, Manhattan, 1921.	J. E. Holmes, Hutchinson, 1926.
D. B. Clum, Parsons, 1922.	O. T. Romig, Coffeyville, 1928.
R. G. Blackwood, Cherryvale, 1924.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. H. Carr, Wichita, 1906.	John T. Weaver, Fort Dodge, 1922.
S. J. Churchill, Lawrence, 1908.	George Plumb, Emporia, 1924.
J. H. McKinley, Erie, 1919.	J. H. Harvey, Emporia, 1927.
C. H. Hoyt, Lawrence, 1920.	H. F. Shafer, Hiawatha, 1928.
E. W. Phillips. ⁴	

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership December 31, 1928, 149. Posts, 26]

Department commander-----	John T. Thompson ¹ -----	Paint Lick.
Senior vice department commander-----	Isaac Palmer-----	Louisville.
Junior vice department commander-----	Richard Lilly-----	Anchorage.
Assistant adjutant general-----	M. H. Davidson ^{1 4} -----	Louisville.

REPRESENTATIVES

Robert T. Smith, Horse Cave.
 Charles L. Dudley, Flemingsburg.¹
 J. M. Dinzer.¹
 R. R. Graham.¹

ALTERNATES

J. H. McMurtry, Summer Shade.
 James A. Fisher, Covington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, 1883.²
 W. H. Harton, 1884.²
 George W. Northup, 1885.²
 Thomas Z. Morrow, 1886.²
 William Bowman, 1887.²
 Orrin A. Reynolds, 1888.²
 Vincent Boreing, 1889.²
 Michael Minton, 1890.²
 Samuel G. Hills, 1891.²
 Edward H. Hobson, 1892.²
 T. Edward Livezey, 1893.²
 Daniel O'Riley, 1894.²
 Robert M. Kelly, 1895.²
 Americus Whedon, 1896.²
 Andrew J. Tharp, 1897.²
 J. W. Hammond, 1898.²
 Joseph H. Browning, 1899.²
 L. M. Drye, 1900.²
 John Blaes, 1901.²
 T. F. Beyland, 1902.²
 W. G. Foree, 1903.²
 William T. Bausmith, 1904.²
 Bernard Matthews, 1905.²

George Grinstead, 1906.²
 LeVant Dodge, 1907-8.²
 R. B. Hewetson, 1909.²
 Sanford D. Van Pelt, 1910.²
 Charles C. Degman, 1911.²
 John Barr, Lebanon, 1912.
 W. J. L. Hughes, 1913.²
 Edward Farley, Paducah, 1914
 John T. Gunn, 1915.²
 Sam D. Brown, 1916.²
 J. R. Howard, 1917.²
 T. A. Casey, Dayton, 1918.¹
 Andrew Offut, 1919.²
 M. H. Davidson, Louisville, 1920.^{1 4}
 Jacob Seibert, 1921.²
 John T. English, Prospect, 1922.
 E. F. Tucker, 1923.²
 C. C. Furr, 1924.²
 J. D. Compton, Covington, 1925.¹
 Albert Scott, 1926 (died in office).¹
 Cyrus Edwards, Horse Cave, 1926-
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PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Charles Ashby, Madisonville, 1927. | Isaac Palmer, Louisville, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Richard Lilly, Anchorage, 1927. | J. T. Thompson, Paint Lick, 1928.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35)

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884; changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership December 31, 1928, 56; posts, 7]

Department commander-----	William Rochester ¹ -----	Natchez, Miss.
Senior vice department commander-----	John Wright ¹ -----	Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander-----	Sam L. Smith-----	Algiers, La.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John Pierce-----	New Orleans, La.

REPRESENTATIVES

John Bass, Natchez, Miss.¹
 Sandy Simmons, Vicksburg, Miss.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.

ALTERNATES

William Rogers, Vicksburg, Miss.¹
 Jordan Stokes, Vicksburg, Miss.¹

⁴ National council of administration.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Roy, 1884. ²	J. A. Brookshire, Beaumont, Tex., 1909.
J. W. Scully, 1885 (see Georgia and South Carolina). ²	E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La., 1910–1915.
A. S. Badger, 1886–1892. ²	E. T. Gipson, 1916–1918. ²
Charles H. Shute, 1893. ²	H. N. Singleton, 1919. ²
Charles W. Keeting, 1894–1899. ²	John Pierce, New Orleans, 1920. ²
F. C. Antoine, 1900. ²	Lewis Herman, 1921.
Paul Bruce, 1901. ²	E. J. Sherman, 1922.
Charles W. Keeting, 1902–1904. ²	Elihu A. Robinson, Amelia, La., 1923–1927.
J. S. Davidson, Bayou Goula, La., 1905.	
P. H. Boyle, 1906–7. ²	
Janres Lewis, 1908. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

John Wright, Vicksburg, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Sam L. Smith, Algiers, 1929.

MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1928, 405. Posts, 56]

Department commander-----	Samuel F. Emerson ¹ ----	Skowhegan.
Senior vice department commander-----	F. S. Philbrick ¹ -----	Rockland.
Junior vice department commander-----	Augustus F. Prince ¹ ----	Portland.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Charles E. Nason ¹ -----	Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

Henry R. Huntley, Oakland. ¹	J. F. Woodsum, Rockland. ¹
George Smith, Yarmouth. ¹	George W. Leathers, Lewiston. ¹
Simon C. Hastings, Augusta. ¹	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, 1868–69. ²	William H. Green, 1895. ²
Charles P. Mattocks, 1870–71. ²	Lorenzo J. Carver, 1896. ²
Daniel White, 1872–73. ²	Leroy T. Carleton, Wintthrop, 1897. ⁴
Seldon Connor, 1874–75. ²	Charles A. Southard, 1898. ²
Nelson Howard, 1876. ²	Frederick Robie, 1899. ²
John D. Myrick, 1877. ²	Seth T. Snipe, 1900. ²
Augustus C. Hamlin, 1878. ²	William Z. Clayton, Bangor, 1901. ¹
Windsor B. Smith, 1879. ²	James L. Merrick, 1902. ²
Isaac S. Bangs, 1880. ²	Joshua L. Chamberlain, 1903. ²
William G. Haskell, 1881. ²	Edwin C. Milliken, 1904. ²
Augustus B. Farnham, 1882. ²	Henry O. Perry, 1905. ²
Elisha M. Shaw, 1883. ²	Frederick S. Walls, 1906. ²
Benjamin Williams, 1884. ²	Frank F. Goss, 1907. ²
James A. Hall, 1885. ²	Woodbury K. Dana, 1908. ²
Samuel W. Lane, 1886. ²	Augustus W. McCausland, 1909. ²
Richard K. Gatley, 1887. ²	John W. Webster, 1910. ²
Horace H. Burbank, 1888. ²	Edwin Riley, Livermore Falls, 1911. ²
Franklin M. Drew, 1889. ²	William H. Holston, 1912. ²
John D. Anderson, 1890. ²	John F. Lamb, 1913. ²
Samuel L. Miller, 1891. ²	Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914. ¹
Isaac Dyer, 1892. ²	Simon S. Andrews, 1915. ²
Wainwright Cushing, 1893. ²	Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeberg, 1916. ¹
J. Wesley Gilman, 1894. ²	John Quincy Adams, Houlton, 1917. ¹

¹ Present.
² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.
⁵ Assistant adjutant general.

MAINE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—Continued

Fred A. Motley, 1918. ²	Charles E. Nason, Gray, 1924. ¹
George W. Goulding, Oakland, 1919. ¹	Albert R. Hill, East Brownfield, 1925. ¹
Henry E. Merriam, Gardiner, 1920. ¹	Nathaniel W. White, Augusta, 1926. ¹
Edward A. Butler, 1921. ²	Nahum H. Pillsbury, Portland, 1927. ⁴
George A. Gay, 1922. ²	Nelson R. Brown, 1928. ¹
Ezekiel H. Hanson, 1923. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Jonathan W. Crocker, Rockland, 1878. ¹	A. M. Warren, Dover, 1905. ¹
Charles E. Moulton, Portland, 1886. ¹	B. F. Whitney, Gorham, 1909.
M. C. Wadsworth, Gardiner, 1890. ¹	C. T. Wardwell, Oxford, 1917. ¹
L. C. Bateman, Lewiston, 1904. ¹	C. H. George, South Park, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Chase, Freeport, 1894. ¹	W. A. Miller, Auburn, 1919. ¹
I. W. Emerson, Lewiston, 1898. ¹	H. F. Mitchell, Bangor, 1922. ¹
A. H. Pratt, North Turner, 1900. ¹	S. F. Emerson, Skowhegan, 1929.

MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, December 31, 1928, 179. Posts, 14]

Department commander-----	George T. Leech ¹ -----	Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander-----	George Preched ^{1 4} -----	Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander-----	Adam Camp ¹ -----	Cumberland.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John T. Holmes ¹ -----	Baltimore.

REPRESENTATIVES

Louis Treff. ¹	Thomas Nicholson, Baltimore.
William F. Foche, Baltimore.	W. T. Gallion. ¹
John Lammdin, Baltimore. ¹	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andrew W. Dennison, 1867-1869. ²	David L. Stanton, 1898. ²
E. W. Boldsborough, 1870. ²	Lewis M. Zimmerman, 1899. ²
E. T. Daneker, 1871. ²	John R. King, Baltimore, 1900. ¹
Adams E. King, 1872. ²	John G. Taylor, 1901. ²
E. B. Tyler, 1876-1878. ²	John W. Worth, 1902. ²
W. E. Griffith, 1879. ²	William Stahl, 1903. ²
W. E. W. Ross, 1880-81. ²	James Campbell, Barton, 1904.
Graham Dukehart, 1882. ²	Richard N. Bowerman, 1905. ²
John Suter, 1883. ²	George Prechtel, Baltimore, 1906.
Frank M. Smith, 1884. ²	Fred C. Tarr, 1907. ²
John W. Horn, 1885. ²	Robert C. Sunstrom, 1908. ²
George W. F. Vernon, 1886. ²	Benjamin F. Taylor, 1909. ²
Henry P. Underhill, 1887. ²	William J. Vannort, Chestertown, 1910.
Theodore F. Lang, 1888. ²	John T. Holmes, Baltimore, 1911.
George F. Wheeler, 1889. ²	George Prechtel, Baltimore, 1912.
George R. Graham, 1890. ²	Charles N. Emich, Baltimore, 1913.
Joseph C. Hill, 1891. ²	Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.
Wallace A. Bartlett, 1892. ²	Joseph Brooks, Baltimore, 1915.
Frank Nolen, 1893. ²	James E. Van Sant, 1916. ²
Myron I. Rose, 1894. ²	E. Walter Giles, Baltimore, 1917-18. ²
Oliver A. Horner, 1895. ²	George T. Leech, Baltimore, 1919-1927.
A. S. Cooper, 1896. ²	
George W. Johnson, 1897. ²	

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MARYLAND—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George Schneider, Baltimore, 1917-1928. ²	William Gallien, Baltimore, 1923. ¹
George H. Rush, Baltimore, 1918.	John A. Houck, Baltimore, 1926.
	Louis Fox, Baltimore, 1927.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles Johnson, Baltimore, 1928.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1928, 1,474. Posts, 139]

Department commander-----	James H. Webb ¹ -----	Boston.
Senior vice department commander-----	Alvin C. Howes ¹ -----	Middleboro.
Junior vice department commander-----	Waldo Turner ¹ -----	Weymouth.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wilfred A. Wetherbee ¹ ---	Boston.

REPRESENTATIVES

John A. Brackett, Lawrence.¹
 Nahum F. Nicholson, South Dartmouth.¹
 W. H. Smith, Middleboro.¹
 John E. Bronson, East Dedham.
 Albert A. Nickerson, Chelsea.¹
 James F. Flynn, Roxbury.¹
 James Wright, Beverly.¹
 W. F. Dodge, Lynn.¹
 Isaac D. Baker, Salem.¹
 Charles L. Robinson, Melrose Highlands.¹
 Henri Batchelder, Everett.¹
 Francis J. O'Reilly, Cambridge.¹
 A. A. Buxton, Fitchburg.¹
 George W. Corey, Southbridge.¹
 A. W. Ward, Springfield.¹
 John R. Sears, Greenfield.¹

ALTERNATES

Charles Peel, Newburyport.
 Henry N. Hopkins, Taunton.
 L. M. Fuller, Middleboro.
 D. S. Farnham, Randolph.
 David King, Everett.
 Martin Feeney, Chelsea.
 A. Wright, Lynn.
 A. A. Rackliff, Danvers.
 J. F. Hatch, Rockland.
 George H. Osborne, Newton Upper Falls.
 A. J. Brown, Framingham.
 George A. Gay, East Pepperell.
 M. H. Mentzer, Bolton.
 C. S. Houghton, Leominster.
 W. H. Abbott, Holyoke.
 Richard O'Hara, Greenfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman, 1866-67.²
 A. B. R. Sprague, 1868.²
 Francis A. Osborn, 1869.²
 James L. Bates, 1870.²
 William Cogswell, 1871.²
 Henry R. Sibley, 1872.²
 Adin B. Underwood, 1873.²
 John W. Kimball, 1874.²
 George S. Merrill, 1875.²
 Horace B. Sargent, 1876-1878.²
 John G. B. Adams, 1879.²
 John A. Hawes, 1880.²
 George W. Creasey, 1881.²
 George H. Patch, 1882.²
 George S. Evans, 1883.²
 John D. Billings, Belmont, 1884.
 John W. Hersey, 1885.²
 Richard F. Tobin, 1886.²
 Charles D. Nash, 1887.²
 Myron P. Walker, 1888.²

George L. Goodale, 1889.²
 George H. Innis, 1890.²
 Arthur A. Smith, 1891.²
 James K. Churchill, 1892.²
 Eli W. Hall, 1893.²
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, 1894.²
 Joseph W. Thayer, 1895.²
 William P. Derby, 1896.²
 John M. Deane, 1897.²
 William H. Bartlett, 1898.²
 John E. Gilman, 1899.²
 Peter D. Smith, 1900.²
 Silas A. Barton, 1901.²
 W. A. Blackmar, 1902.²
 Dwight O. Judd, 1903.²
 Lucius Field, 1904.²
 James H. Wolff, 1905.²
 J. Payson Bradley, 1906.²
 Daniel H. L. Gleason, 1907.²
 Alfred S. Roe, 1908.²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

MASSACHUSETTS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

John L. Parker, 1909.²
 J. Willard Brown, 1910.²
 Granville C. Fiske, 1910–11.²
 George A. Hesley, West Somerville,
 1912.¹
 Thomas J. Ames, 1913.²
 John M. Woods, 1914.²
 Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.
 Francis E. Mole, 1916.²
 Daniel E. Denny, 1917.²
 Edwin P. Stanley, 1918.²

George W. Wilder, Boston, 1919.
 Horace Goodwin, Westfield, 1920.
 Edwin F. Morrill, Wollaston, 1921.¹
 Henry Clark, North Cambridge, 1922.¹
 George W. Pratt, 1923.²
 Benjamin A. Ham, Dorchester, 1924.¹
 William L. Gage, 1925 (died in office).²
 Henry H. Comey, Danvers, 1925.¹
 William E. Brown, 1926 (died in office).²
 Henry A. Monk, South Braintree, 1927.²
 Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, 1928.¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

James H. Webb, Boston, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Alvin C. Howes, Middleboro, 1928.

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31,
 1928, 852. Posts, 73]

Department commander-----	A. C. Estabrook ¹ -----	Allegan.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. P. Riley ¹ -----	Kalamazoo.
Junior vice department commander-----	James Churchill ¹ -----	Pontiac.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Albert Dunham ^{1 4} -----	Lansing.

REPRESENTATIVES

Smith Carlton, Kalamazoo.¹
 C. M. Cook, Kalamazoo.¹
 Eugene Owens, Grand Rapids.¹
 John Killeen, Jackson.¹
 John Reiser, Grand Rapids.¹
 George W. Howe, Port Huron.¹
 Ray Mitchel, Flint.¹
 N. R. Wood, South Haven.¹
 Joshua Royce, Battle Creek.¹
 James Biglow, North Muskegon.
 James Sutton, Grand Rapids.

ALTERNATES

Jesse S. Holcomb (at large), Stanton.
 T. F. Courtney, Detroit.
 A. H. Lightcap.¹
 Joseph Stadler, Detroit.
 S. D. Bailey, Detroit.
 J. W. Finch.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger (provisional), 1867.²
 William A. Throop, 1868.²
 William Humphrey, 1869–70.²
 C. V. R. Pond, 1878–79.²
 A. T. McReynolds, 1880.²
 Byron R. Pierce, 1881–82.²
 Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, 1883.
 Rush J. Shank, 1884.²
 Charles D. Long, 1885.²
 John Northwood, 1886.²
 L. G. Rutherford, 1887.²
 Washington Gardner, 1888.²
 Michael Brown, 1889 (see Montana).²
 Henry M. Duffield, 1890.²

Charles L. Eaton, 1891.²
 Henry S. Dean, 1892.²
 James H. Kidd, 1893.²
 Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.
 S. B. Daboll, 1895.²
 William Shakespeare, 1896.²
 Aaron T. Bliss, 1897.²
 Alex Patrick, 1898.²
 Russell R. Pealer, 1899.²
 Ethel M. Allen, 1900.²
 James Van Kleeck, 1901.²
 Edward C. Anthony, 1902.²
 D. B. K. Van Raalte, 1903.²
 George H. Hopkins, 1904.²

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration

MICHIGAN—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

E. C. Cannon, 1905. ²	L. H. Ives, 1916. ²
Joseph P. Griswold, 1906. ²	William O. Lee, 1917. ²
William Jibb, 1907. ²	David S. Howard, 1918. ²
Charles E. Foote, 1908 (died in office). ²	Edwin F. Lamb, 1919. ²
George L. Holmes, 1908. ²	Henry Spaulding, Lansing, 1920.
James M. Greenfield, 1909. ²	J. J. Holmes, 1921. ²
Samuel J. Lawrence, 1910. ²	William Mears, 1922. ²
George W. Stone, 1911. ²	Lyman A. Gilbert, Detroit, 1923. ²
John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.	Marvin C. Barney, 1924. ²
Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, 1913.	John Seel, 1925. ²
Riley L. Jones, 1914. ²	James R. Stephenson, 1926. ²
Henry C. Rankin, 1915 (died in office). ²	Charles A. Bartlett, Detroit, 1927.
Eli Strong, 1915. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Fisher, Fowlerville, 1885.	Samuel D. Bailey, Detroit, 1922. ¹
William H. Russell, Clio, 1889.	John A. Miller, Grand Rapids, 1923.
Theo. C. Putnam, Grand Rapids, 1901.	Edwin R. Havens, Lansing, 1924. ¹
M. D. Morgan, Traverse City, 1906.	George W. Howe, Port Huron, 1925.
Thomas Davey, Detroit, 1915.	William E. Walker, Benton Harbor, 1927. ¹
H. W. Stevens, Tecumseh, 1917.	J. P. Riley, Kalamazoo, 1928.
M. D. Richardson, Lansing, 1920. ¹	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Dan J. Wilson, Jackson, 1905.	George D. Freeman, Detroit, 1921.
Albert Dunham, Jackson, 1910.	George S. Farrar, Port Austin, 1926.
Allison L. Bryant, Mayville, 1916. ¹	William Barrett, Bay City, 1928.

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1928, 534. Posts, 75]

Department commander_____	T. H. Peacock_____	Minneapolis.
Senior vice department commander_____		
Junior vice department commander_____		
Assistant adjutant general_____	R. A. Becker_____	St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. L. Hilliard, Bemidje.	W. C. Fisher, St. Paul. ¹
Nelson Hughes, Stilwater. ¹	C. W. Wyman, Minneapolis. ¹
John R. Howard, Sauk Center.	J. A. McConkey, Minneapolis.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, 1868. ²	Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis 1894. ^{1 9}
Henry A. Castle, 1872-1874. ²	Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, 1895.
George H. Johnson, 1876. ²	J. J. McCardy, 1896. ²
Adam Marty, 1881-82. ²	E. B. Wood, 1897. ²
John P. Rea, 1883. ²	E. W. Mortimer, 1898. ²
E. B. Rabb, 1884. ²	D. B. Searle, 1899. ²
R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885. ¹	Gideon S. Ives, 1900. ²
William Thomas, 1886. ²	William H. Harries, 1901. ²
L. L. Wheelock, 1887. ²	Perry Starkweather, 1902. ²
James H. Ege, 1888. ²	Isaac L. Mahan, 1903. ²
Alphonse Barto, 1889. ²	Harrison White, Seattle, Wash., 1904.
James Compton, 1890. ²	C. F. MacDonald, 1905. ²
Charles D. Parker, 1891. ²	Levi Longfellow, 1906. ²
L. M. Lange, 1892. ²	George A. Whitney, 1907. ²
John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁹ Past commander in chief.

MINNESOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Marcus W. Bates, 1908. ²	J. D. Budd, Duluth, 1919.
Loren W. Collins, 1909. ²	J. A. Town, 1920. ²
Philip G. Woodward, 1910. ²	S. W. Powell, 1921. ²
J. A. Everett, 1911. ²	E. Z. Rasey, 1922. ²
William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, 1912. ¹	W. H. Harrison, Duluth, 1923.
Charles H. Taylor, Long Prairie, 1913.	S. E. Mahan, St. Paul, 1924. ¹
Charles H. Hopkins, 1914. ²	W. T. Scram, Owatonna, 1925.
Watson W. Hall, 1915. ²	P. G. Gorman, St. Cloud, 1926.
Charles Van Campen, 1916. ²	Jacob Zuber, St. Paul, 1927.
Silas S. Towler, Minneapolis, 1917. ^{1 4}	T. P. Garrett, 1928. ¹
Edwin F. Kenrick, 1918. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. H. Peacock, Minneapolis, 1928.	Albert Fox. Brainerd, 1928.
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MISSOURI (25)

[Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1928, 641. Posts, 52]

Department commander-----	C. H. Mitchell ¹ -----	Kansas City.
Senior vice department commander-----	A. M. Reynolds ¹ -----	St. Joseph.
Junior vice department commander-----	Smith George ¹ -----	St. Joseph.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wilbur F. Henry ¹ -----	St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES

F. D. W. Arnold, Lamar.
J. W. Hill, West Plains.
C. P. Woodruff, St. Louis.¹
P. L. Swartz, St. Louis.
J. Laney, Kansas City.¹
E. N. Edmonds, Kansas City.¹
E. B. Smith, Appleton City.
R. Zimmerman, Kansas City.¹

ALTERNATES

William Kawazek, Hawk Point.¹
J. H. McEwan, Kansas City.¹
J. Hollingsworth, Kansas City.¹
M. D. Beals, St. Joseph.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, 1882-83. ²	John M. Williams, 1906. ²
W. F. Chamberlain, 1884. ²	Thomas D. Kimball, 1907. ²
Nelson Cole, 1885-86. ²	J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.
E. E. Kimball, 1887. ²	W. H. Skinner, 1909. ²
Hiram Smith, jr., 1888. ²	Robert N. Denham, 1910. ²
John E. Phelps, 1889 (see Washington and Alaska). ²	Benjamin Warner, 1911. ²
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, 1890. ^{1 9}	Charles W. Ruby, 1912. ²
George W. Martin, 1891. ²	Arthur Dreifus, 1913. ²
C. W. Whitehead, 1892. ²	William Lowe, Warrensburg, 1914.
Charles G. Burton, 1893. ²	James B. Dobyne, 1915. ²
Louis Grund, 1894. ²	Alex McCandless, 1916. ²
Louis Benecke, 1895. ²	Thomas W. Evans, 1917. ²
Thomas B. Rodgers, 1896. ²	Phil F. Coghlan, 1918. ²
John B. Platt, 1897. ²	W. C. Calland, Springfield, 1919.
A. G. Peterson, 1898. ²	Samuel D. Webster, 1920. ²
John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899.	A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, 1921.
Wilbur F. Henry, St. Louis, 1900.	James H. Hunter, 1922. ²
George Hall, 1901. ²	Samuel M. Mann, 1923. ²
Ira T. Bronson, 1902. ²	Alfred Zartman, 1924. ²
F. M. Sterrett, 1903 (see Ohio). ²	Charles Kooock, Sedalia, 1925.
Jere T. Dew, 1904. ²	John W. Lanley, St. Louis, 1926.
Henry Fairback, 1905. ²	D. H. Baldridge, Joplin, 1927.
	John Ferguson, Iberia, 1928. ¹

¹ Present. ² Deceased. ⁴ National council of administration. ⁹ Past commander in chief.

MISSOURI—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Hack, Trenton, 1916, 1918.
A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City, 1921.
Charles C. Bell, Booneville, 1927.

Perry Buchanan, Springfield, 1928.
W. H. Wormstead.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Evans, Herculaneum, 1911.
G. W. Sparks, Trenton, 1920.
John T. Emmert, St. Joseph, 1924.
H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph, 1926.

C. B. Cunningham, Youngstown, 1927.
C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, 1928.
H. M. Anderson.¹
A. Whipple.⁴

MONTANA (37)

[Organized March 10, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1928, 82. Posts, 10]

Department commander-----	Henry Bird-----	Bozeman.
Senior vice department commander----	Jack Johnson-----	Columbia Falls.
Junior vice department commander---	Chas. Angus-----	Livingston.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. C. Lewis-----	Helena.

REPRESENTATIVES

Chas. Angus, Livingston.¹
C. V. Boyer, Hamilton.¹

ALTERNATE

J. S. Ohl, Missoula.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas P. Fuller, 1885.²
Charles S. Warren, 1886.²
Ela C. Water, 1887.²
Julius G. Sanders, 1888.²
Michael Brown, 1889.²
James E. Galloway, 1889.²
Ed. S. Ferris, 1890.²
Harry C. Kessler, 1891.²
John L. Sloan, 1892.²
Joseph O. Gregg, Columbus, Ohio, 1893
(see Ohio).
Peter R. Dolman, 1894.²
Robert E. Fisk, 1895.²
Lester S. Willson, 1896.²
Thaddeus C. Davidson, 1897.²
W. H. H. Dickinson, 1898.²
C. B. Miller, 1899.²
P. B. Manchester, 1900 (see California
and Nevada).²
Frank P. Sterling, 1901.²
Alanson N. Bull, 1902.²
J. S. Wisner, 1903.²
Henry N. Blake, 1904.²
Wilbur F. Sanders, 1905.²

J. B. Wolgemuth, 1905 (see South
Dakota).²
A. J. Fisk, 1906.²
B. N. Beebe, 1907.²
Edwin C. Kinney, 1908.²
Edwin S. Pease, 1909.²
Robert G. Huston, 1910.²
John J. Rohrbaugh, 1911.²
W. Y. Smith, 1912.²
P. W. Sheehy, 1913.²
E. L. Barnes, 1914.²
James R. Goss, Billings, 1915.
G. I. Reiche, Helena, 1916.⁴
Simon Hauswirth, Butte, 1917.
John Marchion, Anaconda, 1918.⁴
J. Perry McClain, Lo Lo, 1919.
J. M. Page, 1920.²
Charles S. Shoemaker, Butte, 1921.
William Coleman, 1922.²
W. B. Harlan, Columbia Falls, 1923.
D. I. Breneman, Hamilton, 1924.
R. L. Cleveland, Great Falls, 1925.
Jacob Ohl, Missoula, 1926.
C. E. Adams, Three Forks, 1927.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. H. Makinson, Butte, 1925.

| Henry Bird, Bozeman, 1929.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jack Johnson, Columbia Falls, 1929.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1928, 606. Posts, 76]

Department commander-----	T. J. Smith ¹ -----	McCook.
Senior vice department commander-----	Matt Leach ¹ -----	Kimball.
Junior vice department commander-----	H. C. Keister ¹ -----	Albion.
Assistant adjutant general-----	F. A. Damewood ¹ -----	Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. H. Berger, Omaha.
 G. W. Pine, York.¹
 P. C. Funk, Funk.
 W. F. Garver, Humboldt.
 J. H. Lyons, Kearney.¹
 Chester Holloway, Gibbon.¹
 T. F. Enslow, Albion.

ALTERNATES

L. F. Ruppell, Sargent.
 Arthur Fuller, Burkett.¹
 Charles Barothy, Omaha.
 J. M. Mahaffey, Bennett.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, 1877.²
 R. H. Wilbur, 1878.²
 James W. Savage, 1879-80.²
 S. J. Alexander, 1881-82.²
 John C. Bonnell, 1883.¹⁰
 Henry E. Palmer, 1884.²
 A. V. Cole, Long Beach, Calif., 1885
 (see California and Nevada).
 John M. Thayer, 1886.²
 H. C. Russell, 1887.²
 W. C. Henry, 1888.²
 J. B. Davis (died in office), 1889.²
 S. H. Morrison, 1889.²
 T. S. Clarkson, 1890.²
 Joseph Teeter, 1891.²
 C. J. Dilworth, 1892.²
 A. H. Church, 1893.²
 Church Howe, 1894.²
 Clarendon E. Adams, 1895.²
 J. H. Culver, 1896.²
 John A. Ehrhardt, 1897.²
 Thomas J. Majors, Peru, 1898.
 John E. Evans, 1899.²
 John Reese, Broken Bow, 1900.¹
 R. S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.
 C. F. Steele, 1902.²

Lee Estelle, 1903.²
 Harmon Bross, 1904.²
 John Lett, York, 1905.
 John R. Maxson, 1906.²
 Thomas Creigh, 1907.²
 Eli A. Barnes, 1908.²
 L. D. Richards, Fremont, 1909.
 John F. Diener, 1910.²
 A. M. Trimble, 1911.²
 M. V. King, 1912.²
 John A. Dempster, 1913.²
 O. H. Durand, 1914.²
 George C. Humphrey, 1915.²
 W. H. Stewart, 1916.²
 Wilson E. Majors, Peru, 1917.
 J. S. Hoagland, 1918.²
 J. B. Strode, 1919.²
 Joseph H. Presson, 1920.²
 W. J. Blystone, 1921.²
 John S. Davisson, Omaha, 1922.
 O. C. Bell, Lincoln, 1923.¹
 S. F. Sanders, 1924.²
 E. F. Brown, Lincoln, 1925.^{1 4}
 J. O. Moore, Milford, 1926.
 David Bryson, Burkett, 1927.

Griff J. Thomas, 1879-1881, transferred from Wisconsin.²

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. R. Beachell, Waverly.
 T. J. Smith, McCook, 1928.
 Henry Stevens, Kearney.

Thomas E. Moore, Omaha.
 W. L. Hilyard, Superior.
 T. J. Bender, Fairmont.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Levi M. Copeland, Minden, 1915.
 G. B. Chase, Juniata, 1924.
 David Jack, Peru, 1926.
 William Balfour, Nehawka, 1928.

R. C. Cutler, York.
 J. G. Hendryx, Grand Island.
 James M. Fodge.²

¹ Present.
² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.
¹⁰ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership December 31, 1928, 251. Posts, 37]

Department commander-----	O. P. Murdick ¹ -----	Keene.
Senior vice department commander---	William W. Fish ¹ -----	Mount Vernon.
Junior vice department commander---	George C. Richardson---	Woodville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	George K. Stratton ¹ ----	Concord.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. F. Clough, Manchester.¹
 Calvin W. Greenwood, Nashua.
 Fred Foss, Dover.

ALTERNATES

To be named by delegates.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, 1867.²
 William R. Patten, 1868.²
 Daniel J. Vaughn, 1869.²
 James E. Larkin, 1870.²
 Augustus H. Bixby, 1871.²
 William H. Trickey, Tilton, 1872.
 Timothy W. Challis, 1873-74.²
 Alvin S. Eaton, 1875.²
 Charles J. Richards, 1876-1878.²
 George Bowers, 1879-80.²
 Marton A. Haynes, 1881-82.²
 John C. Linehan, 1883-84.²
 Marcus M. Collis, 1885.²
 George Farr, 1886.²
 Otis C. Wyatt, 1887.²
 A. B. Thompson, 1888.²
 James F. Grimes, 1889.²
 Thomas Cogswell, 1890.²
 Everett B. Huse, 1891.²
 Daniel Hall, 1892.²
 Frank G. Noyes, 1893.²
 David R. Pierce, 1894.²
 Charles E. Buzzell, 1895.²
 Lewis W. Aldrich, 1896.²
 James Minot, 1897.²
 A. S. Twitchell, 1898.²
 Horace L. Worcester, 1899.²
 D. E. Proctor, 1900.²
 A. C. Haines, 1901.²

William S. Carter, Lebanon, 1902.
 Edwin E. Parker, 1903.²
 Henry O. Kent, 1904.²
 Daniel B. Newhall, 1905.²
 Osman B. Warren, 1906.²
 William S. Pillsbury, 1907.²
 Augustus D. Sanborn, 1908.²
 Charles W. Stevens, 1909.²
 Albert D. Scovell, Manchester, 1910.¹
 Henry E. Conant (died in office),
 1911.²
 William A. Beckford, 1911.²
 George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.
 David R. Roys, 1913.²
 O. B. Douglas, 1914.²
 M. B. Plummer, 1915.²
 Reuben T. Leavitt, 1916.²
 Charles W. Hobbs, 1917.²
 Eugene Wason, 1918.²
 Frank W. Wilson, Manchester, 1919.
 James H. Hunt, 1920.²
 Arthur Thompson, 1921.²
 J. N. Patterson, 1922.²
 J. C. Lewis, Milford, 1923.¹
 William Blair, Gorham, 1924.¹
 J. R. Squires, Haverhill, 1925.
 Albert J. Barr, 1926.²
 Eben C. Chase, Hooksett, 1927.¹
 Joseph Willis.¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

O. T. Murdock, Keene, 1928

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. S. Paul.⁴

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

| William W. Fish, Mount Vernon, 1928.

⁴ National council of administration.

NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1928, 369. Posts, 32]

Department commander----- Spencer Smith¹----- New York City.
 Senior vice department commander_ J. H. Conger¹----- New Brunswick, N. J.
 Junior vice department commander_ William A. Buckabee¹_ Dunellen, N. J.
 Assistant adjutant general----- Walter S. Tully¹----- Hillside, N. J.

REPRESENTATIVES

Gustavus Jackson, Jersey City.¹
 Ed Everson, Union City.¹
 G. Leiger, Kearny.¹
 C. Schittig, Union City.¹
 E. Garrison, Camden.¹

ALTERNATES

C. Currier, Newark.
 J. Swan, Atlantic Highlands.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, 1868.²
 William Ward, 1869-70.²
 Richard H. Lee, 1871-72.²
 John R. Goble, 1873.²
 Charles Burrows, Rutherford, 1874-75.⁵
 E. W. Davis, 1876.²
 John Muller, 1877-78.²
 Samuel Hufty, 1879.²
 George W. Gile, 1880.²
 Charles H. Houghton, 1881.²
 E. L. Campbell, 1882.²
 George Fielder, 1883.²
 Henry M. Nevius, 1884-85.²
 Frank O. Cole, Jersey City, 1886.¹
 J. L. Wheeler, 1887.²
 E. Burd Grubb, 1888.²
 W. E. B. Miller, 1889.²
 A. M. Matthews, 1890.²
 James R. Mullikin, 1891.²
 R. A. Donnelly, 1892.²
 H. L. Hartshorn, 1893.²
 John Shields, 1894.²
 Henry S. White, 1895.²
 Ernest C. Stahl, 1896.²
 Emanuel Sands, 1897.²
 Samuel G. Hayter, 1897.²
 William C. Smith, Plainfield, 1898.¹
 George Barrett, Camden, 1899.
 E. V. Richards, 1900.²

J. Lawrence, 1901.²
 Enos F. Hann, Atlantic City, 1902.⁴
 Stephen M. Long, 1903.²
 James M. Atwood, 1904.²
 Charles Curie, 1905.²
 Alfred Atkins, 1906.²
 Arthur W. Tench, Maplewood, 1907.¹
 John Foran, 1908.²
 James F. Connelly, 1909.²
 James Inglis, jr., 1910.²
 Adrian S. Appleget, 1911.²
 Terrance J. McDonald, 1912.²
 John W. Bodine, 1913.²
 Forman J. Reynolds, 1914.²
 Samuel G. Garretson, 1914.²
 William F. Washington, 1915.²
 William O. Allen, Newark, 1916.^{1 4}
 Walter S. Tully, Hillside, 1917.^{1 8}
 George E. Boyd, Jersey City, 1918.¹
 A. J. Washburn (died in office), 1919.²
 Frank Briden, sr., 1919.²
 John T. McNeil, 1920.²
 Isaac Cole, 1921.²
 James A. Rikeman, 1922.²
 P. J. Lydecker, 1923-24.²
 Leonard L. Roray, Camden, 1925.¹
 Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City, 1926.¹
 Augustus Van Giesen, Paterson, 1927.⁴
 Charles Hopper, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Kirkbride, Camden, 1903.
 W. W. Mendell, Cranford, 1907.
 A. C. Gile, Cape May, 1917.¹
 Frank Baker, Union City, 1921.¹

J. H. White, Long Branch, 1924.¹
 Johnston Riley, Chews, 1927.
 Spencer Smith, N. Y. City, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

Uriah Seeley, Newark, 1905.

Godfrey Dilloway, Jersey City, 1927.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior commander in chief.⁸ Assistant adjutant general.

NEW MEXICO (32)

[Organized July 14, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1928, 20. Posts, 2]

Department commander_____ J. W. Davis_____ Morarity.
 Senior vice department commander_____
 Junior vice department commander_____
 Assistant adjutant general_____ K. H. Fisher_____ Albuquerque.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry M. Atkins, 1883. ²	W. B. Brunton, 1906. ²
Edward W. Wyncoop, 1884. ²	W. W. McDonald, 1907. ²
J. J. Fitzgerell, 1885 (see Tennes- see).	John P. Victory, 1908. ²
E. S. Stover, 1886. ²	John W. Long, 1909. ²
John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks, 1887.	H. B. Steward, Santa Monica, Calif., 1910 (see California and Nevada).
Francis Downs, 1888. ²	A. D. Higgins, 1911. ²
John H. Mills, 1889. ²	J. G. Caldwell, 1912. ²
Lee H. Rudisille, 1890. ²	D. M. Sutherland, Alamogordo, 1913.
A. M. Whitcomb, 1890. ²	John A. Ross, 1914. ²
Albert J. Fountain, 1891. ²	Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1915.
S. W. Dorsey, 1892. ²	F. E. Olney, 1916. ²
W. H. Whiteman, 1893. ²	Jefferson Reynolds, 1917. ²
George W. Knaebel, 1894. ³	John W. Terry, 1918. ²
Thomas W. Collier, 1895. ²	O. L. Gregory, 1919. ²
John C. Bromagen, 1896. ²	William M. Berger, 1920. ²
Francis Downs, 1897-98. ²	John Shank, 1921. ²
Leverett Clark, 1898. ²	John Greenwald, 1922 (died in office). ²
George W. Knachel, 1899. ³	John C. Hull, Santa Fe, 1922.
John R. McFie, Santa Fe, 1900-1901.	B. A. Jones, 1923. ²
John W. Edwards, Fullerton, Calif., 1902-3 (see California and Nevada).	Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1924. ⁴
Theodore W. Heman, 1904. ²	M. C. Pickens, Farmington, 1925.
Jacob Weltmer, 1905. ²	John R. McFie, Santa Fe, 1926-27.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles St. Vrain, Albuquerque, 1928

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

A. Harsch, Albuquerque, 1928²

NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership December 31, 1928, 2,522. Posts, 267]

Department commander_____ Martin V. Stone¹_____ Jamestown.
 Senior vice department commander___ Abraham H. Tompkins¹___ Yonkers.
 Junior vice department commander___ Nelson E. Rowe¹_____ Binghamton.
 Assistant adjutant general_____ Alfred E. Stacy¹_____ Elbridge.

REPRESENTATIVES

George R. Browin (at large), Brooklyn.¹
 Joseph H. Benzino, Buffalo.¹
 Edward C. Fay, Syracuse.
 E. E. Kelsey, Falconer.¹
 Wm. Busch, Floral Park.¹
 Wm. A. Howell, Olean.¹
 Thomas S. Rider, Jamaica.¹
 Thomas M. Valleau, New York City.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.

ALTERNATES

Frank Fisher (at large), Buffalo.¹
 Geo. C. Eldridge, Dumont, N. J.¹
 Geo. F. Jewett, Brooklyn.¹
 John H. Thomas, Brooklyn.¹
 Edward J. Hoffman, Brooklyn.¹
 Martin Damarest, Brooklyn.¹
 John Maxwell, Buffalo.¹
 Otto L. Schastey, Brooklyn.¹

³ Not now a member of the order.⁴ National council of administration.

NEW YORK—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

George H. Taylor, New York City.¹
 George M. Lemon, Watervliet.
 Christopher A. Farrell, New York City.¹
 Alfred L. Bennett, Queens Village.¹
 Henry Witthark, Astoria.¹
 John C. Mullins, Brooklyn.
 Amos Hague, Astoria.
 George A. Vossler, Poughkeepsie.¹
 John W. Hayes, Brookview.¹
 J. D. Smith, Rochester.¹
 Jesse W. Mills, Brooklyn.¹
 Joseph Bauer, Rochester.¹
 George B. Fairhead, Utica.¹
 M. P. Burney, Little Falls.¹
 Fred A. Mathews, Horseheads.¹
 Jerome H. Coe, Syracuse.¹
 Edward M. Griffiths, New York City.¹
 William Morrell, Bath.
 S. M. Flint, Worcester.

ALTERNATES—continued

Francis Keyser, Brooklyn.¹
 Henry Rima, Saugerties.
 David Thom, Brooklyn.
 Elija H. Baker, Marietta.
 S. H. Warner, Skaneateles.
 Charles Heacox, West Albany.¹
 James E. Johnson, Rensselaer.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, 1866-67.²
 Daniel E. Sickles, 1868-69.²
 Edwin B. Lansing, 1869.²
 John C. Robinson, 1870.²
 Henry A. Barnum, 1871-72.²
 Stephen P. Corliss, 1873-74.²
 Edward Jardine, 1874.²
 John Palmer, 1875.²
 James Tanner, 1876-77.²
 William F. Rogers, 1878.²
 James McQuade, 1879.²
 L. Coe Young, 1880.²
 Abram Merritt, 1881.²
 James S. Fraser, 1882.²
 John A. Reynolds, 1883.²
 Ira M. Hedges, 1884.²
 H. Clay Hall, 1885.²
 Joseph I. Sayles, 1886.²
 George H. Treadwell, 1887.²
 N. Martin Curtis, 1888.²
 Harrison Clark, 1889.²
 Floyd Clarkson, 1890.²
 Charles H. Freeman, 1891.²
 Theodore L. Poole, 1892.²
 Joseph P. Cleary, 1893.²
 John C. Shotts, 1894.²
 Edward J. Atkinson, 1895.²
 James S. Graham, Rochester, 1896.
 Albert D. Shaw, 1897.²
 Anson S. Wood, 1898.²
 Joseph W. Kay, 1899.²
 N. P. Pond, 1900.²

Charles A. Orr, 1901.²
 Allan C. Bakewell, 1902.²
 John S. Koster, 1903.²
 Henry N. Burhans, 1904.²
 James M. Snyder, 1905.²
 John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, 1906.¹
 Harlan J. Swift, 1907.²
 William H. Daniels, 1908.²
 M. J. Cummings, 1909.²
 DeWitt C. Hurd, 1910.²
 George B. Loud, 1911.²
 Oscar Smith, Albany, 1912.¹
 Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester, 1913.¹
 James D. Bell, 1914.²
 Zan L. Tidball, New Valparaiso, Fla.,
 1915.
 Solomon W. Russell, 1916.²
 William F. Kirchner, 1917.²
 Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, 1918.¹
 Joseph E. Ewell, 1919.²
 Alfred E. Stacey, Elbridge, 1920.
 Isadore Isaacs, 1921.²
 Calvin A. Brainard, Buffalo, 1922.¹
 Thomas J. McConekey, 1923.²
 Henry L. Keene, Bath, 1924.
 Duncan J. McMillan, New York, 1925.¹
 John Van Duyn, Syracuse, 1926.
 George W. Flynn, 1927 (died in office).²
 William M. Chatham, 1928 (died in
 office).²
 Henry Lilly, New York, 1928.¹
 Wm. P. Griffith.

De Alva S. Alexander, 1884, transferred from Potomac.²
 W. L. Palmer, 1899, transferred from South Dakota.²
 A. E. Sholes, Flushing, 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
 David R. Wilson, New York, 1906, transferred from Virginia and North
 Carolina.
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see
 California and Nevada).
 Robert W. Hill, past chaplain in chief.

¹ Present.² Deceased.

NEW YORK—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. Stewart Warner, Skaneateles, 1918.¹
 Alfred A. Lord, Binghamton, 1921.
 Philip M. Wales, Troy, 1922.
 Chas. A. Shaw, New York, 1924.¹

Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, 1926.¹
 John T. Brennan, Watertown, 1928.
 Charles T. Peck.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Walter Scott, Brooklyn, 1897.
 C. J. Wescott, Oneonta, 1911.
 Robert Simpson, jr., Fulton, 1914.

Louis H. LaVallee, Delmar, 1919.^{1 4}
 Michael B. Wood, New York, 1923.¹
 Frank P. Frost, Elmira, 1928.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1928, 56. Posts, 11]

Department commander-----	R. D. Bagley ¹ -----	Minot.
Senior vice department commander--	E. E. Sparks-----	Devils Lake.
Junior vice department commander--	A. W. Parmenter ¹ -----	
Assistant adjutant general-----	D. G. Duell-----	Devils Lake.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, 1899.²
 George B. Winship, San Diego, Calif.
 1890.
 William A. Bentley, 1891 (see California and Nevada).²
 Samuel G. Roberts, 1892.²
 John D. Black, 1893.²
 James M. O'Neale, 1894.²
 A. P. Rounseville, 1895 (see Florida).²
 William H. Brown, 1896.²
 Edward C. Geary, 1897.²
 Edwin Southard, 1898.²
 William Ackerman, 1899.²
 Freeman Orcutt, 1900.²
 D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, 1901.¹
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902.
 (see Oklahoma, New York, and California and Nevada).
 H. J. Rowe, Minneapolis, Minn., 1903.
 D. F. Siegfried, 1904.²
 Joseph Hare, 1905.²
 B. F. Bigelow, 1906.²
 Sylvester J. Hill, 1907.²

J. L. Richmond, 1908.²
 Halsey Curry, 1909.²
 Albert Roberts, Devils Lake, 1910.²
 James H. Mathews, 1911.²
 George W. Kurtz, 1912.²
 G. B. Vallandigham, 1913.²
 Alexander Hay, Wahpeton, 1914.
 John L. Smith, 1915.²
 Henry Beal, 1916.²
 Christian Schmidt, San Diego, Calif.,
 1917.
 J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, 1918.
 James McCormick, Devils Lake, 1919.
 David B. McClain, 1920.²
 Orange A. Potter, 1920.²
 Charles P. Stearns, Valley City, 1921.
 Smith Stimmel, Fargo, 1922.
 H. F. Dinsmore, Geddes, 1923.
 F. C. Conklin, Minot, 1924.¹
 George Hawks, Fargo, 1925.¹
 John A. Searight, Towner, 1926.
 Charles Cotter, Fargo, 1927.^{1 4}

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. I. Clark, Devils Lake, 1925.
 J. Michels, Minnewaukon, 1926.
 P. A. Cooney.¹

D. S. Sheets, Englevale, 1927.
 R. D. Bagley, Minot, 1928.¹

OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership December 31, 1928, 2,262. Posts, 219]

Department commander-----	Salonas A. Williams ¹ -----	Wellington.
Senior vice department commander--	John H. King ¹ -----	Findley.
Junior vice department commander--	A. B. Adams ¹ -----	Cincinnati.
Assistant adjutant general-----	L. N. Conard ¹ -----	Columbus.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

OHIO—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph D. Potter, Cincinnati.¹
 Frederick R. Sparks, Norwood.¹
 John S. Jones, Cincinnati.¹
 Z. L. Enfield, Lebanon.
 H. T. Scott, Blanchester.
 William F. Brandt, Dayton.
 T. J. Miranda, New Carlisle.
 George W. Fry, Richmondale.¹
 A. B. Garrett, Gallipolis.¹
 G. W. Funk, New Lexington.¹
 C. N. Cooper, Sandusky.¹
 G. W. Halsey, Forest.
 Charles I. McDargh, Urbana.¹
 Thomas Ridenour, Dupont.¹
 Davis Perry, Hicksville.
 Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo.¹
 J. M. Watson, Fostoria.¹
 C. S. Brown, Toledo.¹
 Thomas Shocker, Mansfield.¹
 H. E. Yingst, Toronto.¹
 William E. Sprague, Youngstown.¹
 Henry M. Kiefer, Smithville.
 S. F. Robinson, Columbus.¹
 Joseph Foark, Hilliards.
 S. A. McCoy, Akron.¹
 David Fisk, Hudson.¹
 Marion Morse, Williamsfield.¹

ALTERNATES

Gustavus Smith (at large), Dayton.
 Ayres B. Adams, Cincinnati.
 Alexis Brown, Mount Healthy.¹
 Clarence Kennedy, Hamilton.
 A. T. Boswell, Aberdeen.
 Albert Anderson, Kenton.
 George W. Fry.¹
 F. S. Morris, Chardon.
 Augustus Baldwin, Lorain.
 M. C. Boice, Cheshire.
 L. H. Hughes, Findley.
 R. B. Reese, Leipsic.
 Lawrence Baker, Sandusky.
 J. L. Baldwin, Cleveland.
 C. C. Williams.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, 1866.²
 Thomas L. Young, 1867.²
 J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, 1868–1870.¹¹
 William C. Bunts, 1871–72.²
 G. M. Barber, 1873–74.²
 Alvin C. Voris, 1875.²
 William Earnshaw, 1876–77.²
 Nathan L. Guthrie, 1878.²
 James H. Seymour, 1879.²
 James H. Steadman, 1879.²
 David W. Thomas, 1880.²
 John S. Kountz, 1881.²
 Charles T. Clark, 1882–83.²
 H. P. Lloyd, 1884.²
 R. B. Brown, 1885.²
 Arthur L. Conger, 1886.²
 D. C. Putnam, 1887.²
 Joseph W. O'Neill, 1888.²
 S. H. Hurst, 1889.²
 P. H. Dowling, 1890.²
 A. M. Warner, Cincinnati, 1891.
 Isaac F. Mack, 1892.²
 L. H. Williams, 1893.²
 E. E. Nutt, 1894.²
 Charles Townsend, 1895.²
 E. L. Lybarger, 1896.²
 Henry Kissinger, 1897.²
 David F. Pugh, 1898.²
 Thomas R. Shinn, 1899.²
 Elias R. Monfort, 1900.²

Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, 1901.^{1 4}
 Walton Weber, 1902.²
 Arthur C. Yengling, 1903.²
 B. M. Moulton, 1904.²
 Amos Huffman, 1905.²
 George A. Harmon, 1906.²
 W. S. Rogers, 1907.²
 John H. Sharer (died in office), 1908.
 George Hall, Lima, 1908.
 Charles H. Newton, 1909.²
 Henry A. Axline, 1910.²
 J. F. Johnston, 1911.²
 Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912.¹
 W. R. Warnock, 1913.²
 J. Kent Hamilton, 1914.²
 Seeley P. Mount, 1915.²
 W. H. Surles, 1916.²
 W. A. Pittenger, 1917.²
 D. M. Hall, 1918.²
 H. C. Martindale, Cleveland, 1919.²
 John M. Adams, 1920.²
 M. J. Sloan, 1921.²
 Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, 1922.⁹
 Daniel S. Wilder, 1923.²
 Edmund Burdsall, Batavia, 1924.
 John Ambler, Youngstown, 1925.
 Levi H. Derby, Norwalk, 1926.¹
 Jacob Secrest, Cincinnati, 1927.¹
 John McClay, Columbus, 1928.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁹ Past commander in chief.¹¹ Past junior vice commander in chief.

OHIO—Continued

Joseph O. Gregg, Columbus, 1892, transferred from Montana.
 Frank M. Sterrett, 1903,² transferred from Missouri.
 J. King Gibson, chaplain in chief.¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. B. Thomas, National Military Home, 1871.	W. D. Heffner, Lima, 1919. ⁴
E. T. Dunn, Findlay, 1900.	M. O. Messer, Warren, 1924.
Oscar E. Hunt, Newark, 1909.	George D. Neal, Mount Vernon, 1925.
A. Baldwin, Lorain, 1911.	H. T. Holmes, Canton, 1927.
J. W. Myers, Hamilton, 1918.	S. M. Fletcher, Lima, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. K. P. Ferrell, Uhrichsville, 1910.	J. R. Oldfield, Bryan, 1926. ¹
L. P. Rife, Defiance, 1921.	Charles H. Durfey, Columbus, 1927. ¹
J. T. Romig, New Philadelphia, 1923. ¹	W. H. Little, Canton, 1928. ¹

OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1928, 215. Posts, 28. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie May 19-22, 1908]

Department commander-----	A. W. Lee-----	Cleveland.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. Y. Robinson-----	Bristow.
Junior vice department commander-----	J. W. Bridge-----	Anadarko.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. C. Sims-----	Oklahoma City.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. D. Cole, Oklahoma City.	S. M. Elder, Newkirk.
John Powell, Anadarko.	William Waldo, Blackwell.
S. P. Galoway, Carmen. ¹	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, 1890. ²	William Higgins, 1909. ²
G. M. Coulton, 1891. ²	B. N. Turk, 1910. ²
D. F. Wyatt, 1892. ²	Wilberforce Jones, 1911. ²
T. H. Soward, 1894. ²	W. R. Kelley, 1912. ²
J. P. Cummings, 1894 (see California and Nevada). ²	L. C. Coffin, Elgin, 1913. ⁴
H. G. Trosper, 1895. ²	George W. Billings, 1914 (died in office). ²
W. H. Cater, 1896. ²	George W. Fletcher, 1914. ²
C. R. Young, 1897. ²	A. A. Beasler, 1915. ²
G. D. Munger, 1898. ²	Albert Reeves, 1916. ²
J. J. S. Hassler, 1899. ²	J. C. White, 1917. ²
I. W. Rush, 1899. ²	F. E. Hills, Enid, 1918. ¹
M. L. Mock, 1900. ²	F. M. Cline, Woodward, 1919.
James E. Burns, Fresno, Calif., 1901 (see California and Nevada).	W. S. Tilton, Burbank, Calif., 1920. (see California and Nevada).
Wesley Taylor, 1902. ²	Jacob Amberg, Oklahoma City, 1921.
Cyrus P. Green, Enid, 1903.	W. F. Clark, 1922. ²
S. P. Strahan, 1904. ²	J. J. Lyons, 1923. ²
G. M. Parks, 1905. ²	J. W. Garner, Perkins, 1924.
Peter A. Becker, Anadarko, 1906.	J. H. Norton (died in office), 1925. ²
W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, Calif., 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Luman, Bristow, 1925. ¹
H. Veatch, 1908. ²	N. D. McGinley, Guthrie, 1926.
	W. T. Deupree, Oklahoma City, 1927.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

OKLAHOMA—Continued

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins, 1891.²
 B. F. Harris, 1892.²
 J. H. Spann, McAlester, 1893.
 Savelon Boyles, 1894.²
 J. L. Thomas, 1895.²
 William H. Harrison, 1896.²
 R. M. J. Shriver, Miami, 1897.
 David Redfield, Ardmore, 1898.

Gideon S. White, 1899.
 John S. Hammer, 1900-1902.
 J. A. Rose, 1903.³
 Robert Ross, 1904.
 Samuel H. Smith, Muskogee, 1905.
 J. F. Ayers, 1906.²
 A. G. Krutchmer, 1907.²

D. W. Eastman, 1908, transferred from Kansas.²
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see New York and California and Nevada).

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. Obreiter, Oklahoma City, 1915.
 S. P. Galloway, Carmen, 1923.
 H. A. Galloway, Stroud, 1924.

J. A. Oliphant, Tulsa, 1926.
 D. C. Bothell, El Reno, 1927.¹
 Harlan Emerson, Enid, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. V. Gardner, Apache, 1923.

B. H. Riggs, Caro City, 1928.

OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1928, 559. Posts, 36]

Department commander-----	L. C. Washburn ¹ -----	McMinnville.
Senior vice department commander-----	Charles True ¹ -----	Newberg.
Junior vice department commander-----	C. M. Eichler-----	Eugene.
Assistant adjutant general-----	William Clemmons-----	Newberg.

REPRESENTATIVES

L. M. Guy, Portland.
 William Lyman, Medford.
 James Sales, Portland.
 J. Blake.¹

E. Wood, Portland.
 J. E. Noll, Portland.
 S. Earley.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce, 1882.²
 G. E. Caulkin, 1883.²
 F. J. Babcock, 1884.²
 F. H. Lamb, 1885-86.²
 M. L. Olmstead, 1887.²
 A. E. Borthwick, 1888.²
 E. B. McElroy, 1889.²
 James A. Varney, 1890.²
 Owen Summers, 1891.²
 H. H. Northup, 1892.²
 J. C. Cooper, McMinnville, 1893.
 S. B. Ormsby, 1894.²
 E. W. Allen, 1895.²
 D. C. Sherman, 1896.²
 Frank Reisner, 1897.²
 C. P. Holloway, Portland, 1898.
 H. V. Gates, Hillsboro, 1899.
 A. J. Goodbrod, 1900.²
 J. A. Sladen, 1901.²
 M. L. Pratt, 1902.²
 David H. Turner, 1903.²
 B. F. Pike, 1904.²
 T. E. Hills, Portland, 1905.
 Hamer Sutcliffe, 1906.²

S. F. Blythe, 1907.²
 J. T. Apperson, 1908.²
 James P. Shaw, Portland, 1909.
 W. J. R. Beach, 1910.²
 Newton Clark, 1911.²
 Thomas B. McDevitt, Portland, 1912.
 S. W. Taylor, Roseburg, 1913.
 H. S. Fargo, 1914.²
 George A. Harding, 1915.²
 Joseph E. Hall, Portland, 1916.
 J. G. Chambers, Portland, 1917.⁵
 Tillman H. Stevens, 1918.²
 Daniel Webster, 1919.²
 J. T. Butler, 1920.²
 C. A. Williams, 1921.²
 D. L. McKay, Portland, 1922.²
 George R. Castner, Hood River, 1923.
 Henry E. Dosch, 1924 (died in office).²
 J. L. Crow, 1924.²
 J. F. Nelson, Oregon City, 1925.
 William Clemmens, Newberg, 1928.
 H. S. Lillagar, Portland, 1927.
 William Clemmens, Newberg, 1928.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Not now a member of the order.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.

OREGON—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Rufus Wagner, Newport, 1922.
James Holman, Grants Pass, 1923.
George Knieriem, Corbett, 1925.

S. B. Cathcart, Mansfield, 1926.
J. J. Newmeyer, Chemawa, 1927.
M. L. Moore, Roseberry, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Hay, Forest Grove, 1923.
J. L. Marshall, Newberg, 1924.
L. N. Guy, Portland, 1926.

Royal Taylor, Portland, 1927.
L. C. Washburn, McMinnville, 1928.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1837. Membership December 31, 1928, 2,769. Posts, 229]

Department commander-----	Phil Engleskirger ¹ -----	Franklin.
Senior vice department commander-	Charles W. Meonnahey ¹ --	Philadelphia.
Junior vice department commander-	John R. Steel ¹ -----	Oil City.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Samuel P. Town ¹ -----	Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVES

Howard Abrams, Philadelphia.¹
J. H. Pershing, Greensburg.¹
W. A. Bryan, Braddock.¹
Martin R. Good, Lancaster.¹
H. J. Harrold, Conshohocken.¹
John Speer, Pittsburgh.¹
Thomas Wardrop, Mount Carmel.¹
J. W. Williams, Etna.
Samuel H. Henry, Pittsburgh.¹
Lewis B. Lomax, Chester.¹
Louis F. Barger, Philadelphia.¹
Wade J. Day, Washington.¹
John Nichols, Pittsburgh.¹
James Painter, Pittsburgh.¹
Jacob Barron, Philadelphia.¹
A. T. Anderson, Washington.¹
H. V. Carls, Altoona.
George W. Gillett, Philadelphia.¹
D. M. Lotz, Holidaysburg.
Thomas J. Dolphin, Media.
Pearson S. Cline, Philadelphia.¹
Samuel M. Evans, Pittsburgh.¹
Winslow Fries, Philadelphia.¹
T. E. Morgan, Carnegie.¹
Z. T. Kirk, Philadelphia.¹
R. N. Spohn, Pittsburgh.¹
W. H. Shafer, Altoona.¹
George E. Watson, Lancaster.¹

ALTERNATES

I. P. Patch, Altoona.
Madison G. Fritz, Greenville.¹
J. W. Reynolds, Tunkhannock.
Edward Nichols, Tarentum.
A. M. Stroh, Port Treverton.
William A. McKay, Copperstown.
George G. Kayan, Philadelphia.
Christian Bear, Manheim.
William H. Walter, Philadelphia.¹
H. D. Strickler, Huntingdon.
H. G. Stalbird, Moscow.
Jacob Urick, Harrisburg.
George W. Boyer, St. Marys.¹
A. C. Niven, Pittsburgh.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner, 1866-67.²
A. L. Pearson, 1868.²
O. C. Bosbyshell, 1869.²
Howard J. Reeder, 1870-71.²
Frank Reeder, 1872.²
Robert B. Beath, 1873.²
A. Wilson Norris, 1874.²
W. W. Tyson, 1875.²
James W. Latta, 1876.²
Samuel I. Givin, 1877.²

Charles T. Hull, 1878.²
George L. Brown, 1879.²
Chill W. Hazard, 1880.²
John Taylor, 1881.²
John M. Vanderslice, 1882.²
E. S. Osborne, 1883.²
Frederick H. Dyer, 1884.²
F. Austin Curtin, 1885.²
J. P. S. Gobin, 1886.²
Samuel Harper, 1887.²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Frank J. Magee, 1888.²
 Thomas J. Stewart, 1889.²
 Joseph F. Denniston, 1890.²
 George G. Boyer, 1891.²
 John P. Taylor, 1892.²
 Thomas G. Sample, 1893.²
 William Emsley, 1894.²
 H. H. Cumings, 1895.²
 Alfred Darte, 1896.²
 William D. Stauffer, 1897.²
 William J. Patterson, 1898.²
 James F. Morrison, 1899.²
 Charles Miller, 1900.²
 Levi G. McCauley, 1901.²
 R. P. Scott, 1902.²
 Edwin Walton, 1903.²
 John McNevin, 1904.²
 J. Andrew Wilt, 1905.²
 M. A. Gherst, 1906.²
 William T. Powell, Pittsburgh, 1907
 P. De Lacy, 1908.²

Thad M. Mahon, 1909.²
 L. W. Moore, 1910.²
 N. P. Kingsley, 1911.²
 Thomas H. Cole, 1912.²
 William J. Wells, 1913.²
 John A. Fairman, 1914.²
 C. C. Gramlich, 1915.²
 L. F. Arensberg, E. Millsboro, 1916.¹
 Noah Dietrich, 1917.²
 J. D. Hicks, 1918.²
 George W. Rhoads, 1919.²
 C. H. William Ruhe, Pittsburgh, 1920.¹
 Charles C. Taylor, Philadelphia, 1921.¹
 W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, 1922.^{1 4}
 J. J. Shoemaker, 1923.²
 H. H. Spayd, 1924.²
 A. M. Breckinridge, Oil City, 1925.
 Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, 1926.¹
 John B. Patrick, Harrisburg, 1927.
 George I. Rudolph, Pittsburgh, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Druckenmiller, Marietta, 1886.
 John V. Miller, Lewisburg, 1889.
 Chas. F. Chidsey, Easton, 1893.
 H. R. Breneman, Lancaster, 1904.
 R. J. Baxter, Philadelphia, 1911.
 H. E. Paine, Scranton, 1913.¹
 F. H. Hoy, Harrisburg, 1914.
 John Woy, Johnstown, 1917.
 Wm. H. Heddens, Danville, 1918.

James Marshall, Indiana, 1920.
 W. H. Kramer, Allentown, 1921.
 D. G. McCullough, Altoona, 1922.
 E. B. Sweeney, Greensburg, 1923.
 A. D. Hutchinson, Allentown, 1924.
 J. H. Pershing, Greensburg, 1926.
 D. S. Beemer, Scranton, 1927.
 John R. Steel, Oil City, 1928.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph E. Clark, East Bethlehem, 1904.
 J. M. Showalter, Oxford, 1907.
 John Kirk, New Cumberland, 1910.
 John S. Leinbach, Williamsport, 1920.
 Allen J. Clifton, Easton, 1921.

W. P. Cashner, Bethlehem, 1926.
 Phil Engelskirger, Franklin, 1927.
 Charles W. Meconnahey, Philadelphia, 1928.

POTOMAC (14)

Organized February 13, 1869. Membership, December 31, 1928, 180. Posts, 51

Department commander-----	Samuel G. Mawson----	Washington, D. C. ¹
Senior vice department commander.	F. J. Young-----	Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander--	Stephen F. Hamilton--	Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Byron W. Bonney-----	Washington, D. C. ¹

REPRESENTATIVES

Osborne H. Oldroyd, Washington,
 D. C.¹
 John T. Ryan, Washington, D. C.
 J. A. McDowell, Washington, D. C.
 Geo. H. Kunsman.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

ALTERNATES

Alexander Oglesby, Washington, D. C.
 John Middleton.^{1 4}

⁴ National council of administration.

POTOMAC--Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan, 1869. ²	B. F. Bingham, 1902. ²
Timothy Luby, 1870-1872. ²	I. G. Kimball, 1903. ²
Frank H. Sprague, 1873-74. ²	Abram Hart, 1904. ²
Benjamin F. Hawkes, 1876. ²	A. P. Tasker, Portsmouth, N. H., 1905.
A. H. G. Richardson, 1877. ²	B. P. Entrikin, 1906. ²
George E. Corson, 1878. ²	Newton Ferree, 1907. ²
Harrison Dingman, 1879. ²	John S. Walker, 1908. ²
Charles C. Royce, 1880. ²	Edwin H. Holbrook, 1909. ²
William Gibson, 1881. ²	Henry A. Johnson, Washington, 1910. ^{1 12}
Samuel S. Burdett, 1882-83. ²	George C. Ross, 1911. ²
D. S. Alexander, 1884. ²	J. D. Bloodgood, 1912. ²
Newton M. Brooks, 1885. ²	Thomas H. McKee, 1913. ²
Jerome B. Burke, 1886-87. ²	J. K. Gleason, 1914. ²
Charles P. Lincoln, 1888. ²	L. H. Patterson, 1915. ²
William S. Odell, 1889. ²	A. H. Huntoon, 1916. ²
M. Emmett Urell, 1890. ²	A. H. Frear, 1917. ²
J. M. Pipes, Flora, Ill., 1891. ²	S. G. Mawson, Washington, 1918.
A. F. Dinsmore, 1892. ²	H. B. Snyder, 1919. ²
S. E. Faunce, Washington, 1893. ²	John McElroy, Washington, 1920-21. ⁵
Nathan Bickford, 1894. ²	H. L. Deam, 1922. ²
Marion T. Anderson, 1895. ²	John W. Reid, 1923. ²
John McElroy, Washington, 1896. ⁸	Briscoe Goodhart, 1924. ²
Thomas S. Hopkins, 1897. ²	Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, 1925.
Arthur Hendricks, 1898. ²	C. V. Petteys, Washington, 1926.
Calvin Farnsworth, 1899. ²	John L. Clem, Washington, 1927. ⁸
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, 1900. ²	W. R. Bobb, 1928. ¹³
Israel W. Stone, 1901. ²	Harry T. Dunbar, 1928.

E. S. Godfrey, Cookstown, N. J., transferred from Arizona.

John L. Clem, Washington, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.⁸

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Hazard Wheeler, Washington, 1921.	Frederick Shortsleeves, Washington,
Geo. H. Kunsman, Washington, 1926.	D. C., 1928.
Theodore F. Brown, Washington, 1927.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Wm. F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C., 1928.

RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1928, 179. Posts, 18]

Department commander-----	Charles H. Lewis ¹ -----	Pawtucket.
Senior vice department commander-----	Horatio H. Valentine----	Woonsocket.
Junior vice department commander-----	James A. Abbott ¹ -----	Providence.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Fred A. Burt ¹ -----	Providence.

REPRESENTATIVES

Charles H. Bullock, East Providence. ¹	Albert Stone, Providence. ⁴
Charles L. Read, Pawtucket.	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁵ Past senior commander in chief.

⁸ Assistant adjutant general.

¹² Surgeon general.

¹³ Died in office.

RHODE ISLAND—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside, 1868. ²	Charles P. Moise, 1901. ²
Horatio Rogers, 1869. ²	George H. Chenery, 1902. ²
Charles R. Brayton, 1870–71. ²	James S. Hudson, 1903. ²
Elisha M. Rhodes, 1872–73. ²	Joseph Wooley, 1904. ²
Edwin Metcalf, 1874. ²	Ezra K. Parker, 1905. ²
Edwin C. Pomroy, 1875. ²	George L. Greene, 1906. ²
Charles H. Williams, 1876. ²	Edward Wilcox, 1907. ²
Henry J. Spooner, 1877. ²	William O. Milne, 1908. ²
Fred A. Arnold, 1878. ²	Francello G. Jillson, 1909. ²
Henry R. Barker, 1879. ²	Charles H. Ewer, 1910. ²
Charles C. Gray, 1880. ²	Ezra Dixon, Bristol, 1911. ¹
William H. P. Steers, 1881. ²	Thomas M. Holden, 1912. ²
Henry F. Jenks, 1882. ²	George H. Cheek, 1913. ²
Philip S. Chase, 1883. ²	Gilbert Wilson, 1914. ²
Andrew J. McMahon, 1884. ²	Henry J. Pickersgill, 1915. ²
Eugene A. Cory, 1885. ²	Joseph Gough, 1916. ²
Theodore A. Barton, 1886. ²	Augustine A. Mann, 1917. ²
Benjamin L. Hall, Providence, 1887.	Murdock C. McKenzie, 1918. ²
Gideon Spencer, 1888. ²	Fred A. Burt, Providence, 1919.
Alonzo Williams, 1889. ²	William Massie, 1920. ²
Benjamin F. Davis, 1890. ²	Fred S. Oatley, Norwood, 1921. ¹
Benjamin H. Child, 1891. ²	Samuel A. Wheldon, E. Providence, 1922. ⁴
David S. Ray, 1892. ²	Zophar Skinner, 1923. ²
George T. Cranston, 1893. ²	George R. Saunders, Providence, 1924.
Charles H. Baker, 1894. ²	William F. Comrie, E. Providence, 1925.
Daniel R. Ballou, 1895. ²	Robert M. Pollard, Pawtucket, 1926. ¹
William E. Stone, 1896. ²	Christopher M. Carpenter, 1927–28 (died in office). ²
Livingston Scott, 1897. ²	William Dunham, 1928. ¹
Samuel W. K. Allen, 1898. ²	
Charles O. Ballou, 1899. ²	
Walter A. Reed, 1900. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Charles O. Smith, Woonsocket, 1927. | Chas. H. Lewis, Pawtucket, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Horatio H. Valentine, Woonsocket, 1928.

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1873. Membership, December 31, 1928, 154. Posts, 25]

Department commander-----	W. A. Drake ¹ -----	Madison.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. A. Thompson ¹ -----	Huron.
Junior vice department commander-----	H. W. Smith-----	Sioux Falls.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wm. Downs ¹ -----	Madison.

REPRESENTATIVES

H. C. Andrus, Aberdeen.
Wm. A. Thompson, Huron.¹
Leroy Kinney, Yankton.¹

ALTERNATES

Geo. W. Pierce, Onida.
Levi Vanvoorhis, Redfield.

¹ Present. ² Deceased. ⁴ National council of administration.
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SOUTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas S. Free, 1883-84. ²	N. I. Lowthian, 1906. ²
W. V. Lucas, 1885-86 (see California and Nevada). ²	T. C. DeJean, 1907. ²
Harrison Allen, 1887. ²	Warren G. Osborn, Yankton, 1908. ¹
S. F. Hammond, 1888 (see Minnesota). ²	Alex S. Stewart, 1909. ²
George A. Silsby, 1889. ²	N. H. Kingman, 1910. ²
E. T. Langley, 1890 (see California and Nevada). ²	Thomas H. Brown, 1911. ²
C. S. Palmer, 1891 (see Vermont). ²	O. S. Gifford, 1912 (died in office). ²
J. B. Hoit, 1892 (see Minnesota). ²	H. L. Ferry, 1912. ²
N. C. Nash, 1893. ²	John L. Jolley, 1913. ²
George W. Carpenter, 1894. ²	C. A. B. Fox, 1914. ²
S. R. Drake, 1895. ²	C. S. Blodgett, 1915. ²
John Ackley, 1896 (died in office). ²	Walter H. Carr, 1916. ²
J. F. Baker, Hermosa, 1896.	J. C. Luce, 1917. ²
C. B. Clark, 1897. ²	James S. Sebree, Pierre, 1918.
E. P. Farr, 1898. ²	A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1922.
W. L. Palmer, 1899 (see New York). ²	E. L. Hurlburt, Rapid City, 1920.
Philip Lawrence, Pomona, Calif, 1900 (see California and Nevada).	John E. Davis. Lennox, 1921.
George W. Snow, 1901. ²	A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1922.
Thomas E. Blanchard, 1902. ²	H. P. Carson, Huron, 1923. ^{1 4}
Thomas Reed, 1903. ²	H. P. Smith, 1924. ²
H. P. Packard, 1904. ²	W. H. Cornell, Brookings, S. Dak., 1925.
J. B. Wolgemuth, 1905 (see Montana). ²	R. T. Sedam, St. Lawrence, 1926.
	Levi Van Voorhes, Redfield, 1927.
	H. C. Smith, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. C. Smith, Kimball, 1925-26.	W. N. Downs, Madison, 1928.
W. A. Drake, Madison, 1927.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Whitehouse, Frederick, 1924.	Levi Van Voorhes, Redfield, 1927.
G. W. Rudd, Miller, 1926.	J. O. Foote, Sioux Falls, 1928.

TENNESSEE (34)

[Organized February 26, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1928, 53. Posts, 6]

Department commander_____	C. G. Mathews_____	Nashville.
Senior vice department commander_____	Fred Wolff_____	Nashville.
Junior vice department commander_____	Rite French_____	Louisville.
Assistant adjutant general_____	B. F. Bashor_____	Knoxville.

REPRESENTATIVES

James Turner (at large), Chattanooga.
Harmon Kries, Knoxville.

ALTERNATES

Alex Eckel (at large), Knoxville.
C. W. Childress, Knoxville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward S. Jones, 1884-85. ²	W. F. Milburn, 1894. ²
E. E. Winters, 1886. ²	W. J. Smith, 1895. ²
William J. Ramage, 1887. ²	H. B. Case, 1896-97. ²
Wm. Rule, 1888. ²	W. H. Nelson, 1898. ²
A. H. Pettibone, 1889. ²	A. H. Crumbliss, 1899. ²
Chas. F. Muller, 1890. ³	S. T. Harris, 1900. ²
A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, 1891. ⁴	M. M. Harris, 1901. ²
H. C. Whittaker, 1892. ²	G. W. Patton, 1902-3. ²
Frank Seaman, 1893. ²	Ben A. Hamilton, 1904. ²

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Not now a member of the order.⁴ National council of administration.

TENNESSEE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

W. W. French, 1905. ²	O. C. Kinley, 1917. ²
John T. Wilder, 1906. ²	W. F. Roberts, 1918. ²
Will A. McTeer, 1907. ²	F. M. Fessenden, 1919. ²
S. W. Tindell, Johnson City, 1908.	O. L. Thompson, 1920. ²
D. Minor Steward, 1909. ²	W. W. Lowry, Riceville, 1921.
Ignaz Fanz, 1910. ²	P. W. Evans, Kingston, 1922.
C. H. Flournoy, 1911. ²	John H. Simpson, Knoxville, 1923.
A. M. Gamble, 1912. ²	John Farmer, 1924. ²
W. D. Atchley, 1913. ²	M. F. Miller, Chattanooga, 1925.
D. D. Nicholas, 1914. ²	John Gray, Greeneville, 1926.
F. M. Underwood, Rockwood, 1915. ⁴	P. M. Keeble, Knoxville, 1927.
J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.	J. G. Hoback, Athens, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. K. Lonas, Knoxville, 1914.	Abner Reed, Chattanooga, 1927.
Lawrence Winters, Knoxville, 1925.	Chas. G. Mathews, Nashville, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

G. G. Gilbert, Athens, 1924.	B. J. Meadows, Knoxville, 1927.
David McCollister, Ooltewah, 1926.	Sam T. Briggs, Kingston, 1928.

TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1928, 60. Posts, 17]

Department commander-----	A. W. Robbins-----	San Antonio.
Senior vice department commander----	T. W. Woodcock-----	Amarillo.
Junior vice department commander----	John Taylor-----	Houston.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. S. Ewing-----	San Antonio.

REPRESENTATIVE

Wm. McDonald, Galveston.

ALTERNATE

J. C. McWhirter, Fort Worth.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie, 1885. ²	L. L. Whitaker, 1907. ²
O. T. Lyon, 1886. ²	T. M. Wright, 1908. ²
W. H. Sinclair, 1887. ²	Calvin R. Hubbard, 1909. ²
J. C. De Gress, 1888. ²	J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, 1910. ³
A. G. Malloy, 1889. ²	W. S. Kretsinger, 1911. ²
A. K. Taylor, 1890. ²	E. P. Brown, 1912. ²
M. W. Mann, 1891. ²	Sidney Tuttle, 1913. ²
O. G. Peterson, 1892. ²	Robert McCormick, Dallas, 1914.
J. W. Park, 1893. ²	C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, 1915.
R. M. Moore, 1894. ²	C. A. Cahoon, 1916. ²
W. W. Bostwick, 1895. ²	M. B. Young, 1917. ²
G. W. McCormick, 1896. ²	Anson Miller, 1918. ²
Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston, 1897. ⁴	Edward Loomis, San Antonio, 1919.
W. F. Conner, 1898. ²	Max Hart, Houston, 1920.
John Roach, 1899. ²	G. E. Allgaier, 1921. ²
Charles B. Peck, 1900. ²	R. P. Cooper, Dallas, 1922.
P. B. Hunt, 1901. ²	W. H. Blake, Dallas, 1923.
C. C. Haskell, 1902. ²	John Buchanan, San Antonio, 1924.
John H. Bolton, 1903. ²	John Shearer, Houston, 1925. ¹
John L. Boyd, 1904. ²	D. L. Wagner, 1926. ²
E. A. Russell, 1905. ²	L. D. Daggett, San Antonio, 1927.
H. W. Harvey, 1906. ²	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

³ Assistant adjutant general.

TEXAS—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

A. W. Robbins, San Antonio, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Z. T. Sisson, Houston, 1928.

UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1928, 50. Posts, 4]

Department commander-----	Elias Price ¹ -----	Salt Lake City.
Senior vice department commander----	W. H. Otterbach-----	Provo.
Junior vice department commander----	Ira Stormes-----	Salt Lake City.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. W. A. Schnell-----	Salt Lake City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas, 1883. ²	E. T. Hulaniski, 1905. ²
Ransford Smith, 1884. ²	B. M. Sperry, 1906. ²
H. C. Wardleigh, 1885. ²	Alford Kent, 1907. ²
Elijah Sells, 1886. ²	R. G. Sleater, 1908. ²
Eli H. Murray, 1887. ²	Lucian H. Smith, 1909. ²
Nathan H. Kimball, 1888. ²	T. C. Lundy, 1910. ²
Henry T. Snyder, 1889. ²	A. B. Lawrence, 1911. ²
Henry Page, 1890. ²	J. W. Brown, 1912. ²
Frank Hoffman, 1891. ²	Frank H. Hall, 1912 (died in office). ²
James R. Elliott, 1892. ²	Reuben Oehler, 1913. ²
J. W. Greenman, 1893. ²	N. A. Heath, 1914. ²
T. C. Iliff, 1894. ²	H. G. Rollins, 1915. ²
C. O. Farnsworth, 1895. ²	N. D. Corser, Salt Lake City, 1916-17.
M. M. Kellogg, 1896. ²	J. C. A. Warfield, Sawtelle, Calif., 1918.
T. C. Bailey, 1897. ²	C. W. A. Schnell, Salt Lake City,
N. H. Ives, 1898. ²	1919. ^{1 8}
M. M. Kaighn, 1899. ²	Ezra D. Haskins, American Fork,
M. A. Breeden, 1900 (see California	1920-21.
and Nevada). ²	A. Van Patten, Salt Lake City, 1922.
Rudolph Alf, 1901. ²	W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City, 1923-
W. M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif.,	1925. ⁴
1902 (see California and Nevada). ⁵	L. L. Hudson, Salt Lake City, 1926-27.
F. H. Clark, 1903. ²	W. R. Smethers, Ogden, 1928.
Henry P. Burns, 1904. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. M. Van Dervoort, Anaheim, Calif.,	Elias Price, Salt Lake City, 1926.
1921. ⁴	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph F. Smith, Springville, 1913.	E. N. Williams, Ogden, 1926.
George Dietz, Ogden, 1924.	

VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1928, 354. Posts, 46]

Department commander-----	John H. Amadon ¹ -----	Waterville.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. W. Holden ¹ -----	Northfield.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. T. Reed ¹ -----	St. Johnsbury.
Assistant adjutant general-----	H. P. Hunter ¹ -----	Brattleboro.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior commander in chief.⁸ Assistant adjutant general.

VERMONT—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

Fred McIntire, Brandon.¹
 John A. Thwing, Bellows Falls.¹
 A. A. Leaverus, Rutland.¹
 E. C. Butterfield, Hyde Park.¹
 H. S. Powers, Lyndonville.¹

ALTERNATES

To be chosen by representatives.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster, 1869.²
 W. W. Henry, 1870–71.²
 W. G. Veasey, 1872–73.²
 Stephen Thomas, 1874–75.²
 T. S. Peck, 1876–77.²
 J. H. Goulding, 1878–79.²
 G. W. Hooker, 1880–81.²
 A. B. Valentine, 1882–83.²
 C. C. Kinsman, 1884.²
 W. L. Greenleaf, 1885.²
 G. T. Childs, 1886.²
 P. D. Blodgett, 1887.²
 H. E. Taylor, 1888.²
 A. S. Tracy, 1889.²
 Z. M. Mansur, 1890.²
 D. L. Morgan, Rutland, 1891.¹
 H. Henry, 1892.²
 G. W. Doty, 1893.²
 C. F. Branch, 1894.²
 B. Cannon, jr., 1895.²
 N. M. Puffer, 1896.²
 E. W. Jewett, 1897.²
 L. B. Harris, 1898.²
 F. G. Butterfield, 1899.²
 U. A. Woodbury, 1900.²
 J. H. Lucia, 1901.²

R. E. Hathorn, Ludlow, 1902.
 Frank Kenfield, 1903.²
 J. E. Eldredge, 1904.²
 S. H. Wood, 1905 (see Florida).²
 J. A. Sheldon, 1906.²
 A. C. Brown, 1907.²
 C. E. Beach, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1908
 (see Florida).
 A. B. Franklin, 1909.²
 E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center, 1910.¹
 C. M. Ferrin, Essex Junction, 1911.
 A. A. Niles, 1912.²
 Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913.²
 Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
 George P. Martin, 1915.²
 H. C. Streeter, 1916.²
 C. T. S. Pierce, 1917–18.²
 A. T. Woodward, 1919.²
 L. W. Bush, 1920.²
 John R. Wilson, Worcester, 1921.²
 Charles H. Cota, Burlington, 1922.
 C. H. Granger, Rutland, 1923.¹
 C. H. Stone, Fair Haven, 1924.
 W. W. Martin, Middlebury, 1925.¹
 A. C. Stoughton, Burlington, 1926.
 L. P. Butts, North Hyde Park, 1927.

C. S. Palmer, 1899, transferred from South Dakota.²

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. B. Warner, Essex Junction, 1921.
 R. H. Lindsey, Middlebury, 1924.
 Charles Young, Rutland, 1926.

John H. Amdon, Waterville, 1928.
 D. L. Morgan.²

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. L. Maranville, Burlington, 1928.
 Peter Lander, Burlington, 1928.

A. E. Lamson, Burlington, 1926.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership, December 31, 1928, 113. Posts, 10]

Department commander-----	Charles Grandy ¹ ---	Norfolk, Va.
Senior vice department commander-----	M. W. Wynn-----	New Bern, N. C.
Junior vice department commander-----	Cornell Gardner---	Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general-----	M. N. Hirshberg--	National Soldiers' Home, Virginia.

REPRESENTATIVES

H. W. House, Portsmouth, Va.
 M. W. Wynn, New Bern, N. C.¹

ALTERNATES

Calorain Sesson, Norfolk, Va.
 Jordan Jones, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 J. C. Britt, Norfolk, Va.

¹ Present

² Deceased.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton, 1874. ²	H. W. Weiss, 1896. ²
William H. Appenzeller, 1875-76. ²	James W. Stebbins, 1897. ²
William Ryder, 1877. ²	James M. Davis, 1898 (see Pennsylvania).
R. G. Staples, 1878. ²	John W. Rutter, 1899. ²
Richard Bond, 1879. ²	A. B. Heistand, 1900. ²
A. B. Hurlburt, 1880. ²	Peter Morton, 1901. ²
W. Hervey King, 1881. ²	C. D. Grew, 1902. ²
P. T. Woodfin, 1882-83. ²	H. M. Haas, 1903. ²
B. C. Cook, 1884. ²	J. C. Fowler, 1904. ²
H. De B. Clay, 1885-86. ²	Isaac Powell, 1905. ²
John W. Woodman, 1887-88. ²	D. R. Wilson, 1906 (New York City) (see New York).
R. P. Wheeler, 1889. ²	A. A. Hager, 1907. ²
N. J. Smith, 1890. ²	Thomas Fogarty, 1908. ²
H. D. Nichols, 1891. ²	Frank M. Work, 1909. ²
Edgar Allen, 1892. ²	Charles H. Haber, 1910-1927 (died in office). ²
W. Whitcomb, 1893. ²	Charles Grandy, Norfolk, Va., 1928.
J. G. Fulton, 1894. ²	
James E. Porter, 1895 (see Pennsylvania). ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

M. W. Wynn, New Bern, N. C., 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornell Gardiner, Norfolk, Va., 1928. H. W. House.⁴

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership December 31, 1928, 653. Posts, 42]

Department commander-----	Willis Richardson ¹ ---	Bellingham, Wash.
Senior vice department commander--	R. W. Black-----	Spokane, Wash.
Junior vice department commander--	George Wick ¹ -----	Dayton, Wash.
Assistant adjutant general-----	F. E. Wilson-----	Bellingham, Wash.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. E. Barthermew, Seattle, Wash.
A. D. Rollins, Yakima, Wash.
Geo. Avery, Spokane, Wash.
H. H. Middaugh, Seattle, Wash.¹
S. S. Tift, Everett, Wash.
T. F. Coley, Seattle, Wash.¹
George Wick, Dayton.

ALTERNATES

C. H. Finley, Ritsie.
Amos Berry, Hoquaim.
W. S. McCabe, Seattle.
E. E. Emerson, Seattle.
J. R. Lupton, Everett.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, provisional, 1878-1882. ²	J. Sox Brown, Seattle, 1892.
George D. Hill, 1883. ²	J. F. Sinclair, 1893. ²
H. A. Morrow, 1884. ²	J. N. Scott, 1894. ²
A. M. Brooks, 1885. ²	Norman Buck, 1895. ²
C. M. Holton, 1886. ²	C. T. Patterson, 1896. ²
A. P. Curry, 1887. ²	J. F. McLean, 1897. ²
J. W. Sprague, 1888. ²	George W. Tibbetts, 1898. ²
S. C. Cosgrove, 1889. ²	J. W. Langley, 1899. ²
M. M. Holmes, 1890. ²	B. R. Freeman, 1900. ²
D. G. Lovell, 1891. ²	H. A. Bigelow, 1901. ²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

B. C. Bedell, 1902. ²	J. E. Gandy, Spokane, 1916. ^{1 4}
T. H. Cavanaugh, 1903. ²	John J. See, Pasadena, 1917 (see California and Nevada).
F. M. Davis, 1904 (see California and Nevada). ²	S. F. Street, 1918. ²
J. T. Goss, 1905. ²	A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, 1919. ¹
C. B. Dunning, 1906.	O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, Calif., 1920 (see California and Nevada).
W. H. Mock, 1907.	J. H. Coffman, 1921. ²
George H. Boardman, 1908.	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1922.
Lyman Banks, 1909.	W. P. Cragin, 1923 (died in office). ²
W. H. Wiscombe, 1910 (see California and Nevada). ²	John A. Harris, Spokane, 1923.
F. H. Hurd, Seattle, 1911. ²	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1924.
R. R. Harding, 1912. ²	William J. Baker, Everett, 1925.
J. E. Stewart, 1913. ²	J. H. Shaw, Spokane, 1926.
H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.	Byron Phelps, Seattle, 1927.
H. W. North, Everett, 1915.	Henry P. Burdick, Tacoma, 1928.
John E. Phelps, 1889, transferred from Missouri. ²	
E. A. Shores, 1912, transferred from Wisconsin. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. F. Adams, Walla Walla, 1883-84.	K. T. Allen, Pullman, 1907.
J. H. Smith, Walla Walla, 1885.	B. F. Philbrick, Hoquiam, 1910.
C. H. Stone, Tacoma, 1895.	J. W. Ferguson, Wenatchee, 1911.
W. J. Alexander, Sidney, 1895.	W. L. Boyd, Spokane, 1912.
F. M. Ellsworth, Colfax, 1896.	E. D. Quinn, Yakima, 1919.
D. C. Ely, Chewallah, 1898.	Willis Richardson, Bellingham, 1924.
Thad Smith, Port Townsend, 1900.	W. D. Chandler, Seattle, 1925.
J. T. Sherfey, Everett, 1902.	T. F. Coley, Seattle, 1926.
J. A. Green, Chelan, 1904.	W. W. Work, Olympia, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. H. Smith, Centralia, 1892.	J. R. Conger, Tacoma, 1908.
W. F. Wallace, South Bend, 1893.	T. H. Ferrier, Ellensburg, 1911.
W. H. Mossman, Chehalis, 1896.	John Huntington, Port Angeles, 1919.
D. T. Welch, Assotin, 1898.	J. T. Murphy, Toledo, 1920.
R. B. Scott, Spokane, 1899.	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1921.
James Dutton, Sprague, 1901.	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1922.
M. R. Brewster, Bremerton, 1902-3.	W. J. Baker, Everett, 1923.
F. B. Morse, Walla Walla, 1904.	E. E. Emmerson, Seattle, 1926.
H. C. Thompson, Pomeroy, 1906.	George Twery, Spokane, 1928.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868 ; reorganized February 29, 1883. Membership December 31, 1928, 167. Posts, 14]

Department commander-----	J. T. Combs ¹ -----	Moundsville.
Senior vice department commander-----	Thomas Carder ¹ -----	Parkersburg.
Junior vice department commander-----	Perry G. Stealy-----	Fairmont.
Assistant adjutant general-----	P. Dunsmoor-----	Parkersburg.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. W. Myers, Wheeling.
J. M. Smith, Wheeling.¹
J. W. Crow, Wheeling.¹

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

ALTERNATES

Eli Higgins, Moundsville.
Henry Hoefer, Wheeling.
W. N. Gump, Wheeling.

⁴ National council of administration.

WEST VIRGINIA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick, 1883. ²	Thomas M. Mills, 1906. ²
C. B. Smith, 1884. ²	I. M. Adams, 1907. ²
John Carlin, 1885. ²	Thomas H. Marks, 1908. ²
G. W. Taggart, 1886. ²	D. Mayer, 1909. ²
Lee Haymond, 1887. ²	J. L. Caldwell, 1910. ²
R. E. Fleming, 1888. ²	Thomas V. Salisbury, 1911. ²
S. S. Hazen, 1889. ²	E. A. Billingslea, 1912. ²
George Walker, 1890. ²	John M. Millan, 1913. ²
I. H. Duval, 1891. ²	T. G. Hammond, 1914. ²
Charles E. Anderson, 1892. ²	C. T. Reed, 1915. ²
Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893.	James T. Piggott, 1916. ²
F. H. Crago, 1894. ²	S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton, 1918. ⁴
R. E. Lee, 1895. ²	W. T. Cox, 1919. ²
R. H. Freer, 1896. ²	L. B. Moore, 1919. ²
Thomas A. Maulsby, 1897. ²	W. S. Grafton, 1920. ²
Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898.	H. S. White, Matewan, 1921. ⁴
Charles R. LeValley, 1899. ²	W. S. Clark, 1922. ²
Arnold Brandley, Elkins, 1900.	T. S. Bonar, Moundsville, 1923.
M. B. Bartlett, 1901. ²	W. W. Rogers, 1924. ²
C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902.	Smith Risinger, 1925. ²
Alex C. Moore, 1903. ²	William Keely, 1926. ²
O. H. Michaelson, 1904. ²	P. Dunsmoor, Parkersburg, 1927. ⁸
J. W. Shroyer, 1905. ²	W. W. Riley, Point Pleasant, 1928.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

J. T. McCombs, Moundsville, 1929.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Thomas Carder, Parkersburg, 1928.

WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1928, 820. Posts, 118]

Department commander-----	Lloyd D. Sampson ¹ -----	Milwaukee.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. H. Cheseborough ¹ -----	Beloit.
Junior vice department commander-----	C. L. Hooker-----	Superior.
Assistant adjutant general-----	E. B. Heimstreet ¹ -----	Lake Mills.

REPRESENTATIVES

Peter Crave, Beloit.
Henry Stannard, Greenbush.
K. L. Thompson, Madison.
Henry Held, National Home.
George L. Thomas, Milwaukee.
Milton Selby, La Crosse.
J. W. Pepper, Eau Claire.
J. H. Helwig, Hayward.¹

ALTERNATES

Joseph Cooper, Racine.
W. P. Bryant, Sheboygan Falls.
C. H. Lang, Madison.
A. Gummerd, Milwaukee.
C. M. Hambright, Milwaukee.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, 1866. ²	G. A. Hannaford, Milwaukee, 1874-75. ²
H. A. Starr, 1867. ²	John Hancock, 1876. ²
J. M. Rusk, 1868. ²	H. G. Rogers, 1877. ²
T. S. Allen, 1869-70. ²	F. S. Hammond, 1878. ²
Edward Ferguson, 1871-72. ²	Griff J. Thomas, 1879-81 (see Ne-
A. J. McCoy, 1873. ²	braska). ²

¹ Present.
² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.
⁸ Assistant adjutant general.

WISCONSIN—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—Continued

H. M. Enos, 1882. ²	F. A. Copeland, 1905. ²
Philip Cheek, 1883–84. ²	John W. Ganes, Ripon, 1906.
James Davidson, 1885. ²	John C. Martin, Mineral Point, 1907.
Lucius Fairchild, 1886. ²	E. D. Coe, 1908. ²
H. P. Fisher, 1886. ²	R. B. Lang, 1909. ²
Michael Griffin, 1887. ²	William H. Grinnell, 1909. ²
A. G. Weissert, 1888. ²	Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, 1910. ¹
L. Ferguson, 1889. ²	Hiram J. Smith, 1911. ²
Benjamin F. Bryant, 1890. ²	George W. Spratt, Sheboygan Falls, 1912.
W. H. Upham, 1891. ²	Chas. H. Henry, Eau Claire, 1913.
C. B. Welton, 1892. ²	Samuel A. Cook, 1914. ²
E. A. Shores, 1893 (see Washington and Alaska). ²	W. J. McKay, 1915. ²
J. A. Watrous, 1894. ²	O. L. Rosenkrans, 1916. ²
W. D. Hoard, 1895. ²	W. A. Wyse, 1917. ²
D. Lloyd Jones, 1896. ²	George D. Breed, Chilton, 1918.
E. B. Gray, 1897. ²	Robt. R. Campbell, Green Bay, 1919.
C. H. Russell, 1898. ²	Walter O. Pietsch, 1920. ²
Henry Harnden, 1899. ²	M. L. Snyder, 1921. ²
S. H. Talmadge, 1899. ²	James F. Carle, Janesville, 1922.
David J. James, 1900. ²	Alfred S. Eaton, Superior, 1923.
A. H. DeGroff, Oakland, Calif., 1901 (see California and Nevada).	George W. Morton, Berlin, 1924. ⁵
J. H. Agen, 1902. ²	Henry Hase, Milwaukee, 1925.
J. P. Rundle, 1903. ²	Henry Stannard, Greenbush, 1926.
Pliny Norcross, 1904. ²	Henry C. Eaton, Fond du Lac, 1927. ⁴
	G. H. Pounder, Port Atkinson, 1928. ¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph Cooper, Racine.	A. G. Dinsmore, Oshkosh.
Louis Hoberg, Sheboygan.	Edward D. Town, Waupan, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. P. Van Matre, Janesville.	R. J. Arthur, Milwaukee.
W. H. Cheseborough, Beloit.	Henry Held, National Home.
John H. Hellweg, Hayward.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior commander in chief.

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Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.	W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.
James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.	

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On the death of Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur

Past Commander in Chief, Ell Tor- rance, Minneapolis, Minn.	Past Commander in Chief E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.
Past Commander in Chief, Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.	

On the death of Past Commander in Chief David J. Palmer

Past Commander in Chief, James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.	Past Commander in Chief S. R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.
Past Commander in Chief, Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.	

DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO DATES OF
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, AS HERETOFORE ANNOUNCED

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois.....	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin.....	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania.....	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio.....	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York.....	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut.....	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts.....	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey.....	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine.....	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada.....	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island.....	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire.....	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont.....	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867.....	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina.....	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized.....	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska.....	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized.....	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized.....	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized.....	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming.....	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866; reorganized.....	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware.....	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized.....	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized.....	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon.....	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky.....	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized.....	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota.....	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	
30	Washington and Alaska.....	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas.....	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico.....	July 14, 1883
33	Utah.....	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee.....	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi.....	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	
36	Florida.....	June 19, 1884
37	Montana.....	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas.....	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho.....	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona.....	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina.....	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama.....	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota.....	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma.....	Aug. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	
45	Indian Territory.....	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma May 19-22, 1908.	

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT PORTLAND, ME., SEPTEMBER 8 TO 13, 1929

The Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the city auditorium, Portland, Me., at 2.35 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, September 11, 1929, Commander in Chief John Reese, of Broken Bow, Nebr., presiding.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. The body of this house has been reserved for the delegates. All others will please retire.

Commander in Chief REESE. The officer of the day will report.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. The officer of the day will please report to the commander in chief. All people occupying seats on the floor of this room who are not delegates will please retire. The gallery is for the use of the public, but the main body of the house is for delegates only.

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. Is the officer of the day present? If so, he will report to the commander in chief. Is the department commander of Maine present? If so, who has he delegated as officer of the day and officer of the guard? The two have to report.

(Comrade Albert Hill, of Brownfield, Me., was designated as officer of the day, and Comrade T. N. Ayer, of Alna, Me., as officer of the guard, by the department commander of Maine.)

Commander in Chief REESE. Officer of the day, you will take your position at the door and let no one in this room unless they are a delegate with the national password. Are all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic and entitled to membership in this encampment? Invitation has been extended to those that are not delegates or entitled to be members of this encampment to retire to the gallery, and I presume they will all do so.

Officer of the guard, your duty will be at the door to assist the officer of the day and take up the national password of anybody that you admit that is a delegate. If they have a badge on, that is good evidence. If they are a delegate entitled to a seat on the floor with the delegation of their department, you will admit them. You will take your position at the door and if anybody makes application to enter, find out their mission and report.

Comrades, we will open the Sixty-third Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic by prayer by chaplain in chief, the Rev. J. King Gibson.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON. Almighty Father, humbly we bow before Thee, our creator, preserver, guide, and protector. We thank Thee for our lives, for Thy mercy which has kept us until this hour, for Thy guidance on land and sea by day and by night, for Thy constant care in the hour of danger, and for the preservation of our national integrity and unity. Be graciously near to our comrades

who suffer from disease or wounds, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in our holy cause. In all distress comfort them and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Grant that the mercy of our noble dead who freely gave their lives for the land they loved may dwell ever in our hearts. Bless our country, bless our order. Make it an instrument of great good. Keep our names on the roll of Thy servants, and at last receive us into that Grand Army above where Thou, O God, are the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Department Commander REESE. I now declare the Sixty-third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic open for business that may properly come before it.

Past Department Commander LEWIS S. PILCHER. Commander in chief, as preliminary to our work I present the following resolution, based upon the experience of this body at the last encampment at Denver, at which time for the first time in the history of the order the public were admitted to seats in the gallery. I now offer for that reason the following resolution:

That at the sessions of this encampment the public be admitted to seats in the gallery.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded, and the resolution that you have just heard read by Past Commander in Chief Pilcher is now before the encampment. What is your pleasure?

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I move that we adopt it, for this reason: We are now the guests of the city of Portland and the State of Maine. For the second time they have graciously received us and we are very hospitably being entertained. Let us show by this action that we can extend courtesies as well as receive them, particularly when they are at no expense to the encampment.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Unanimously carried, and so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Commander in chief and comrades, you see the arrangement of these seats. They are perfectly plain, and they are arranged and have been every year by a citizen of Buffalo who leaves his private business to come here to do that work for us—to arrange these seats—without any cost to us. I therefore move that the thanks of this encampment are due and be tendered to Mr. Roderick J. Cant for his services to us. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, you have heard the motion as stated by Past Commander in Chief King. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried unanimously, so it is ordered.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Commander in Chief, I would suggest, sir, that to-morrow when these seats are changed so as to give each department sufficient room, that our placards be placed lengthwise instead of across. We can not see you to save our lives right here, and it obstructs sound coming to us. So I would suggest, whoever has the arrangement, that these

posts be turned here so that they will run lengthwise instead of across the hall.

Commander in Chief REESE. That will be looked after.

Comrade JOHN W. HAYES, of New York. Now, I am quite hard of hearing, and the most of us are. If somebody could stand there, and another one down there, and repeat these motions, so that we may know what they are, I think it would be a good thing.

Commander in Chief REESE. We will see. If that is necessary, we will do that. Senior Vice Commander in Chief Jewel, you will take the chair.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES E. JEWEL (assuming the chair). Comrades, we will now listen to the address of the commander in chief. While he is reading his address be as quiet as possible so that you can hear what he says.

Commander in Chief Reese then read his address, as follows:

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S ADDRESS

After 44 years we are again assembled in the city of Portland, Me., for a national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1885 we held our Nineteenth National Encampment in this city and in 1929 we are holding our Sixty-third National Encampment in Portland. Almost half a century has passed since that nineteenth encampment was held here by the sea. We who have been graciously permitted to attend this Sixty-third National Encampment have lived through the years of the greatest progress the world has ever known. In no other like period of time has so much been accomplished.

Before leaving Denver at the close of the Sixty-second National Convention, I was honored by being entertained at a luncheon given by the commercial club of the city.

On my arrival in Broken Bow I was met by a host of home friends, anxious to express their pleasure because of the honor that had been bestowed on me and likewise on Broken Bow and the State of Nebraska.

HEADQUARTERS

Gov. Adam McMullen of the State of Nebraska extended a most cordial invitation to me to establish national headquarters in the new State capitol at Lincoln.

The mayor with his council, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce with many distinguished citizens, and all patriotic societies of Lincoln added their invitations to that of Governor McMullen and urged that the State capitol was the proper place for national headquarters.

The mayor of Broken Bow, the president of the chamber of commerce, and the citizens in general begged me not to leave Broken Bow, my home of 42 years. They offered me everything I needed. After due consideration I established headquarters in Broken Bow. Upon the announcement of the final location, Gov. Adam McMullen congratulated me, saying: "Commander in Chief Reese, I congratulate you on your good judgment in locating the national headquarters in your home town. While it would have afforded me

great pleasure to prepare an office for you, and Lincoln would have appreciated the honor, I realize that home is the best place to be and I know you have made a wise decision."

OFFICIAL VISITS

The question of official visits has become one of the serious problems, and without the careful cooperation of the various departments in fixing the dates for their encampments it is impossible for the commander in chief to visit many State encampments, however much he may wish to do so.

For assistance in official visitations I am indebted to Past Commanders in Chief Pilcher, King, Walsh, Willett, Arensberg, Hawk, Torrence, and Van Sant; also Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson, Senior Vice Commander in Chief James E. Jewell, Junior Vice Commander in Chief Henry J. Kearney, and Comrades Wetherbee, Johnson, Cole, Edwin J. Foster, Coney, Risley, Town, Gahagen, Hosley, and David N. Foster.

PENSIONS

The Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic indorsed pension legislation to be asked of Congress—that those comrades who are on the pension roll at \$65 per month be increased to \$72 per month; those who are totally blind receive \$150 per month. All widows, without any restriction as to age or date of marriage \$50 per month—this with the provisions of the law now in force was similar to the Robinson bill pending in Congress. We requested that a provision of \$150 per month for the blind be added, which was done. We decided to give the Robinson bill as amended our full support; and the result of personal conferences with Members of Congress and reply to letters I am of the opinion that had the bill been submitted to Congress it would have passed by almost an unanimous vote.

I had planned to go to Washington early in December. Through correspondence with Members of Congress, I was advised that no pension legislation would be taken up until after the holiday recess. I therefore waited, and arrived in Washington on January 4, 1929, and at once arranged, through the courtesy of Senator Norris, Nebraska, for a conference with Senator Robinson, Indiana, chairman of the Senate Pension Committee, on the morning following my arrival.

Senator Robinson expressed himself as glad to do all in his power to help secure for veterans of the Civil War a just pension measure and consented to an amendment to his bill, suggested by your commander in chief, providing for \$150 per month for those veterans who are totally blind.

I was invited by Senator Robinson to attend the regular meeting of the Senate Pension Committee at 10 a. m. the following Tuesday. I immediately notified the members of my legislative committee and requested their presence in Washington at the time fixed for the meeting.

At the appointed hour we were there. Senator Robinson reported on behalf of members of his committee who were not present that

each had telephoned him they would approve of any action taken by those present.

Our cause was presented by your commander in chief and members of the committee. We were met with the argument, "This is the same Congress and the same President by whom Civil War pension legislation was considered less than one year ago. This is the short session and because of the 'jam' which is inevitable at the close of the short session no pension legislation can possibly be passed."

I am forced to confess the outlook was discouraging, but after talking the matter over with members of my committee, I determined to make another effort for the sake of my comrades and the widows of comrades. For three weeks I devoted my entire time to personal interviews with Congressmen and found that a large majority were ready and anxious to give a favorable vote for Civil War pensions.

Finally, on the 21st day of January, the Robinson bill was favorably reported out of the Committee on Pensions to the Senate. Although there were yet six weeks before the end of the session, the bill was not voted on and died with the adjournment of the short session of Congress.

When a special session became an assured fact, I decided to try to get a bill for Civil War pension legislation passed as emergency legislation. I wrote a personal letter to President Hoover and each member of Congress, calling their attention to the fact that at least 90 per cent of our comrades were totally disabled and could perform no service to procure revenue to add to their pensions to secure the necessities of life—their average age being 85 years, and widows' average age 74 years—and their pensions inadequate to procure these necessities.

With the hope to secure the consideration of Civil War pension legislation as emergency legislation—and what greater emergency could exist than the need of these aged veterans and widows—I went to Washington and made every possible effort to get favorable action by the special session for this much-needed legislation.

I called personally on President Hoover and at his request secured a conference with Speaker Longworth and Mr. Tilson, majority floor leader of the House. The subject of the critical need of an increase of pension for veterans and widows was fully discussed, and we felt that, should our legislation fail in this special session, it would be considered early in the regular session.

After giving much thought and due consideration to the needs of our comrades and widows, their advancing age and disabilities, I am of the positive opinion that aid is necessary without delay and should be passed as emergency legislation.

The Robinson bill should be amended to give those receiving \$65 per month \$72, and those receiving \$72 \$90, those receiving \$90 \$125, those totally blind \$150, and all widows \$50 per month. Those who have arrived at the age of 80 years, \$75 per month; all Civil War nurses, \$75 per month.

This bill, so amended, would be so plain and the factors so few the cost can be arrived at readily, which will be less than the estimated cost of the pending Robinson bill. I have requested Senator

Robinson to amend his bill accordingly. On account of the pressing need, the rapid passing of our comrades and widows, the time has arrived that we should make a last and final request of Congress for a sufficient increase of pensions to procure the comforts of life for our comrades and widows and inform Congress that this would be our last appeal for general pension legislation if granted now and expect consideration in the early part of the regular session of this Congress.

Congress to pass pension legislation that will provide \$72 for all Civil War veterans. Those now on the pension roll \$72 per month, increased to \$90 per month. Those now on the pension roll \$90 per month, be increased to \$125 per month. Those who are totally blind \$150 per month; a reasonable provision for future increases; \$50 per month for all widows of Civil War veterans. Those widows who have arrived at the age 80 years, \$75 per month. All Civil War nurses, \$75 per month.

From conferences with President Hoover and Members of Congress I believe I am justified in the hope that this proposed measure which will give immediate aid to our comrades and widows will receive the approval of the Congress early in the regular session; will not require an application to be made by those entitled to an increase and delay for many months waiting for a decision, during which time many thousands of our comrades and widows will have passed beyond the reach of aid. This measure will give immediate aid and justice will be done our comrades and widows. This should have the cooperation of every comrade and all allied orders.

The present death rate of comrades and widows is about 125 each day, or one every 12 minutes; we must expect the same conditions in the future, thus reducing the cost to normal in a very short period of time.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, has proven faithful and true to their trust of "assisting the Grand Army of the Republic." I sometimes wonder what the Grand Army of the Republic would do without the encouragement and assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps; and my conclusion is this: We could not long exist as an order without our auxiliary. The harmony existing between our orders is a matter of much satisfaction.

I deeply regret the criticism of the National Woman's Relief Corps made by the press. Had the situation been fully understood, I am sure it would have been seen from my viewpoint. The Woman's Relief Corps was always ready to assist, and cooperated in every way. Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, representing the national president, Minnie T. Horseman, rendered splendid assistance in the work for increase of Civil War pensions.

OUR ALLIED ORDERS

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans and their auxiliary have cooperated in the work of the administration in a most satisfactory manner, for which they have our sincere appreciation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Apart from business communications, the volume of letters received was beyond expectations, due largely to the anxiety of the needy comrades and widows as to pension legislation pending in Congress. The heart-rending appeals in these letters evidenced great need and distress. All were assured that everything was being done to secure favorable action, including a personal letter to each Member of Congress. My personal attention was given to all correspondence.

IN MEMORIAM

Past Commander in Chief David J. Palmer, died November 20, 1928, at his home in Washington, Iowa. This distinguished comrade lived a life of usefulness, had accomplished much good for his country and comrades, and was loved by all who knew him.

Your commander in chief on account of pressing duties was unable to attend the funeral, and Comrade J. W. Willett, past commander in chief, a near neighbor and personal friend, was detailed and represented the national thereat. Mention of the death of Comrade Palmer is made in the memorium.

General Order No. 3

Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur died June 1, 1929, at his home in St. Louis, Mo. Notice did not reach headquarters in time to detail a comrade to represent the National Grand Army of the Republic at the funeral.

Comrade Rassieur was active in accomplishing good for his country and his comrades. He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed by all his comrades. Committees were appointed to prepare a memorial on the life and character of Comrades Palmer and Rassieur.

During the current year 51 permanent members of the encampment have answered the last roll call and approximately 45,000 of our comrades and widows passed to the beyond.

MEMORIAL DAY

As year succeeds year, Memorial Day is, I believe, more universally observed. From Canada to the Gulf, from California to Maine, in city and rural districts, the cemeteries become bowers of roses and lilies, and above each mound where rests a veteran the red, white, and blue waves in peaceful triumph. Established by the Grand Army of the Republic in response to the wishes of a grateful country, Memorial Day is now observed by all veterans organizations and citizens in general.

RAILROADS

In March I received notice from the chairman of the Eastern Passenger Associations that a rate of one fare (identification certificate plan) had been agreed upon for the national encampment for the Grand Army of the Republic and all allied orders. Return trip to be over the same route as going.

Realizing that many comrades from the Western and Middle States would appreciate a diverse return route, that they might visit their boyhood homes in the East, I immediately made a vigorous protest to the chairman of all passenger associations, receiving the information that, according to established custom, the passenger association in whose territory the encampment city is located, has jurisdiction. The New England Passenger Association, therefore, according to established custom, took the initiative. I at once wrote the chairman of the New England Passenger Association, requesting that a diverse return route be granted. His reply was that the railroad that carries passengers to the encampment city should receive revenue for the return trip. Again I wrote him, setting forth in the clearest possible language just why the veterans should be granted the privilege of a diverse route, making it possible for many to visit their childhood homes who could not do so at extra expense, and in consideration of age and increasing disability this would, without doubt, be the last visit to the scenes of early life.

Another meeting of the New England Passenger Association was called for May 1, 1929, but the decision was the same. I had made every effort possible and a diverse route was denied us east of Chicago and St. Louis. Being then too late to change the location of the 1929 national encampment, all we could do was to bow to the inevitable, and I therefore recommend that in the future no national encampment be located in the territory of the New England Passenger Association.

For my official family I have only words of highest praise. I am truly thankful to have been associated with such men, veterans and comrades, as has composed the official family of my administration. Each in his particular place has performed the duty devolving upon him in the most gracious and able manner. I thank you each, and wish for you pleasant memories of faithful service rendered.

Herewith are submitted reports as rendered by the senior vice commander in chief, James E. Jewel; junior vice commander in chief, Henry J. Kearney; adjutant general, Melvin K. Hagadorn; quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits; chaplain in chief, J. King Gibson; surgeon general, S. W. Hopkins; judge advocate general, J. W. Willett; national patriotic instructor, Charles W. Blodgett; inspector general, W. C. Calland; assistant adjutant general, O. C. Bell; assistant quartermaster general and custodian, Samuel P. Town; chief of staff, George A. Hosley; senior aide-de-camp, Charles E. Nason; chairman legislative committee, Wilfred A. Wetherbee.

CONCLUSION

My comrades, the time is almost here when I shall lay aside the mantle of greatness and take my place in the ranks of past commanders in chief. At this time I thank each of you who had anything to do with conferring upon me the highest honor in the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic. I feel that to be commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest honor that could come to a member of the order. I shall not cease to be thankful to you for esteeming me worthy the honor.

I am truly grateful to you for the loyalty shown me during my administration. The encouragement you have given me at all times has made the work a pleasure.

I have ever had in mind the accomplishment of the greatest good for my comrades. The existing harmony in the Grand Army of the Republic has given me much satisfaction. Life is too short to be wasted in unworthy contentions.

In the future as in the past I shall give my best efforts to secure aid for my comrades and the widows of comrades. I shall do all in my power to keep this, the country we saved, the best and greatest Nation of all the nations of the world by advocating teaching the boys and girls of to-day, who will rule our country to-morrow, patriotism, obedience to all law, love of home and country, and Christianity as taught by Christ. This must begin in the home when impressions on the mind of the child are most lasting. This will give a citizenship in whose care our country will be safe.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. The report of the commander in chief will be referred to the usual committee consisting of Past Commanders in Chief King, of Maryland; Dr. L. S. Pilcher, of New York; and Frank A. Walsh, of Wisconsin.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as every delegate or comrade has a copy, a printed copy of all the other reports, I move that the reports of the other officers be received as printed without reading and referred to the special committees to be appointed. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWELL. You have heard the motion, that the reports of the other officers be received without any reference. All in favor of that will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. There has been an arrangement made for the comrades of this encampment to have opportunity to visit the battleship *Texas*. As she leaves this port to-morrow, the only time that they can have to do it is this afternoon. There are automobiles waiting without this hall to take this delegation to the wharf where the launches of the battleship are ready to take you to the ship and return you back again. Automobiles will be there to take you to your stopping place, wherever you want to go. And in consideration of this being the only opportunity that will be afforded you to see this ship, which is the largest battleship in this Navy, the flagship of the Atlantic Squadron, I move you that after the announcement of when the committee on resolutions will meet and the place given, that this encampment take a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, daylight-saving time. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWELL. Do I hear a second to the motion? [Motion seconded.] It has been moved and seconded that after the announcement of the place of meeting of the resolutions committee and other committees that we now take a recess until 9 o'clock, standard time, to-morrow morning; 10, daylight-saving time. Are there any objections? All in favor of that motion will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Many voted "no" several times, and I am unable to decide whether the ayes or noes have it. All who

are favorable to that motion will please rise to your feet. Are all up that want to stand up? All who are opposed please rise to your feet. The decision is that the motion is carried.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I appeal from the decision of the Chair until that motion is placed so that we know what we are voting for.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Well, you don't need to appeal from the Chair. If you want the vote, we will have the vote counted, so please take your seats.

Comrade JOHN W. HAYES, of New York. If my suggestion had been followed, so that we could hear, that would not be necessary, but I venture to say that 7 out of 10 don't know what that motion was.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Just wait a moment, and we will settle this pretty quick. All that are in favor of this motion on the right here, stand to your feet. The motion is that when we adjourn this afternoon we will go on a visit to the battleship *Texas*.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. That is not the motion. The motion is that after certain things have been presented we do adjourn. That is the motion.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. We will get it right. When we adjourn we will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, daylight-saving time.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. I beg your pardon. That is not the motion. I call upon the stenographer to read what the motion was.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. I will give you the motion as the stenographer reads it.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. See if I understand the motion. We understand here that we take a recess now and that we go upon a journey of sightseeing around the city this afternoon by automobiles furnished by the citizens here, and that when we meet to-morrow that we shall meet at 10 o'clock for business, by the daylight-saving time. Is that right?

Cries of "No!"

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Be quiet, please. The motion as read by the stenographer is that after the announcement of the committee on resolutions and their place of meeting that we now take a recess until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, daylight-saving time. That is the motion. All who are in favor of that motion——

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I beg your pardon, not that we now take a recess, but that we then take a recess.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. I think I stated so, that we then take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, or 10 o'clock daylight-saving time. Do you all understand it? All on that side please stand to your feet.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Commander in Chief——

[At this moment a uniformed band of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War entered the room, marched down the aisle, playing.]

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON. You are interrupting our proceedings. Please go out quietly.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Be quiet. We can not do any business if we do not have it quiet. Do you all understand the motion?

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. The encampment ought to understand that the committee on resolutions has not reported to the encampment or been confirmed, and it must be done this afternoon.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. We know that. The whole thing is a farce.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I move you, sir, that this matter be postponed until we transact the business spoken of. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. The motion of Judge Willett is that this motion now pending be postponed until certain business be transacted. All in favor of that will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I rise to a question of privilege to report an item of unfinished business. Can you hear me? [Reading:]

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

In the Matter of the Appeal of John N. Stewart from his Court-martial and Conviction in the Department of Illinois

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Portland, Me., 1929.

To the Officers and Members of said National Encampment:

This matter first came on for hearing at a meeting of the council of administration held Monday afternoon, August 11, 1924, at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass., and was freely discussed and a committee was appointed by said council to investigate the case and report with recommendations to the Fifty-eighth National Encampment. (See Journal of 1924, pp. 192-195, inclusive.) Comrades Ell Torrance, Samuel R. Van Sant, and Silas H. Towler were appointed as such committee.

The appeal of John N. Stewart was affirmed by Commander in Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber in his address to the Fifty-eighth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, at Boston, Mass., August 13, 1924. (See p. 61 of the Journal of 1924.)

The committee on reports of officers approved the action of Commander in Chief Saltzgaber in sustaining the conviction of said John N. Stewart on his appeal. (See pp. 90, 91, Journal of 1924, followed by the report of the special committee appointed by the council of administration; see p. 92 of said Journal, recommending that the sentence be remitted.) Then follows discussion, and at page 96 of said Journal the following order is recorded:

"AUGUST 14, 1924.

"I, Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, do hereby set aside, cancel, and remit the sentence of dishonorable discharge passed upon Comrade John N. Stewart, a member of George G. Meade Post, and restore him to active membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

"G. M. SALTZGABER,

"Commander in Chief,

"Grand Army of the Republic."

The Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Grand Rapids, Mich., August 30 to September 4, 1925, and the journal of said encampment in its proceedings is silent on the subject of the

status of said John N. Stewart in the Grand Army of the Republic, except that the subject is included in the report of Comrade Robert W. McBride, judge advocate general, of date October 3, 1924, and is recorded in the journal of said encampment at pages 132 to 135, inclusive, thereof, and the same is included in General Order No. 6, series of 1924-25, and is recorded in the Journal of 1925 at pages 246, 247, and 248, but none of such record has ever been approved by either the commander in chief or national encampment.

The Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, was held at Denver, Colo., September 16-21, 1928, Comrade Elbridge L. Hawk, commander in chief, presiding, and at the first session of said encampment, held September 19, 1928, among other items of business disposed of, after the reading of the address of the commander in chief, was the appointment of a committee on the reports of other officers, and Comrades J. W. Willett, John R. King, O. C. Bell, of Nebraska, E. F. Taggart, of Ohio, and Edwin J. Foster, of Massachusetts, were appointed such committee. (See p. 68 of the Journal of 1928.)

At the morning session of said encampment, September 20, 1928, said committee having found in the report of Judge Advocate General John Reese an opinion as regards the status of Comrade John N. Stewart in the Grand Army of the Republic, in which counsel for said Stewart asked for further time to file written brief, then by the chairman of said committee made verbal report to said encampment of that fact, and after full discussion the encampment granted a continuance in said matter. (See pp. 80, 81, and 82, Journal of 1928, and Report of Judge Advocate General, pp. 156 and 158, same journal.)

That said committee were not continued by the national encampment, and the commander in chief has submitted the matter to the undersigned judge advocate general for further action; hence this report.

The record discloses that in the opinion of Judge Advocate General Robert W. McBride the rule recorded in the Blue Book of 1912, page 124, that—

“honors lost by dishonorable discharge are not restored by remission of sentence and reinstatement to membership”

does not prevail in this case, and that—

“Comrade Stewart must be restored to full membership in his post, and he retains such honors as he has heretofore gained in our order.”

(See Journal Fifty-ninth National Encampment, 1925, pp. 134-135.)

That at pages 156 and 157 of the Journal of the Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Denver, Colo., September 16-21, 1928, the Opinion No. 4 of Comrade John Reese, judge advocate general, as regards the status of John N. Stewart of the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, is recorded, wherein said judge advocate general recites that—

“In my opinion the sentence of the post court-martial that the said John N. Stewart be dishonorably discharged, having been regularly on appeal approved by the department commander of Illinois and the commander in chief, the sentence thereby became final and in full force and effect. The remission of the sentence did not restore to said Stewart the honors won before the post court-martial and the sentence of dishonorable discharge. Said Stewart is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic with no honors, having lost the honor he had attained by serving as junior vice department commander. He can claim no title to the honor of past junior vice department commander of the Department of Illinois.”

Thus we have an adverse decision contrary to the decision hereinbefore recited in this record as made by Comrade Robert W. McBride. That neither the opinion of said Robert W. McBride nor the opinion of said Comrade John Reese as judge advocate general has ever been approved by the commander in chief or the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the matter stands for determination as regards the right of it.

In view of the conflict of these two opinions as regards the standing of Comrade John N. Stewart in the Grand Army of the Republic, in the matter of honors attained therein, the undersigned declines to determine which of said opinions is in accord with his views in the premises and reports the whole subject matter pertaining to honors in conflict in said opinions to this, the

Sixty-third National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, for determination, and recommends that the matter be submitted as unfinished business to the committee on resolutions for the investigation of that committee and report to this national encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JAMES W. WILLETT,
Judge Advocate General.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. You have heard the motion of Judge Willett, that this matter be referred to the committee on resolutions.

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I move that the report of the judge advocate general be received and the recommendation concurred in. [Motion seconded.]

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. State the motion, and I want to be heard upon it.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. There is a motion before the house now that this be referred to the committee on resolutions.

Comrade CONEY. I see no reason why this should be referred to a committee. Upon this motion I wish to be heard. Commander in Chief and Comrades, there is no necessity for this being referred any further. I have gone into a thorough investigation of the whole matter and mainly agree with the report of Past Commander in Chief Comrade Willett. But in the conclusion in his report he failed to state that this matter has been before a court of competent jurisdiction in Cook County, Ill., and a judgment has been rendered by that court on this very question in favor of Comrade Stewart, and I hold in my hands, comrades, a certified copy of the record of that court, tried by the judge and a jury.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I rise to a point of order.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. State your point of order.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. The court proceeding to which he has reference is before a court and was against a post, and that post had no jurisdiction, because this thing had been referred to the national encampment. Therefore, that is all out of order.

Comrade CONEY. In answer, Comrade Commander in Chief, to the comrade, the courts of the United States, both domestic and national, have jurisdiction of all questions that they entertain and try, and we are bound as much by that as by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. Therefore it is not only germane but it is in order, and we, as law-abiding comrades, as an order obeying law, must respect courts, and in view of this decision——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. The chair rules that the point of order is not well taken. We will hear Comrade Coney through.

Comrade CONEY. Here is a certified copy of the decree of court restoring Comrade John N. Stewart, after a hearing of all the evidence as recited by Comrade Willett and others proven in the case, to all his rights in the Grand Army of the Republic as a member thereof, and to all honors conferred upon him, the same as Comrade R. W. McBride, judge advocate general, made in his report—identically the same.

Comrade Willett states that Comrade Past Commander in Chief Arensberg did not approve of the report. Comrade Commander in Chief Arensberg is on this platform and can state to you that he did approve of the report and that it should have been and was in the journal. But that is immaterial.

Now, this question has been repeatedly and repeatedly threshed out, and the only question is now, Shall the honors acquired by Comrade John N. Stewart while he was a member in good standing of George G. Meade Post, No. 444, and as vice commander of the Department of Illinois be restored to him as ordered by the court and as decreed by a splendid judge advocate general, a good lawyer, Robert W. McBride?

And therefore, in order to expedite that matter, I have prepared, comrades, a resolution in conformity with this decision of the court and in conformity with the decision of Judge Advocate General McBride, in conformity with the facts and the truth in the case, and in conformity with our obligation as comrades, that we will defend a comrade though the whole world assail him, and that our duty is fraternity, charity, and loyalty, but above it all is charity.

We are approaching the end of life. Shall we in our closing hours of life strike down and defame a worthy and respected comrade who has fought this battle over contentions that never should have been made, never should have been in the Grand Army of the Republic? We should deal with charity and openness and send them into eternity with all the honor and glory we possess. And therefore I have prepared this resolution as a substitute. I had it here, but I will try to dictate it:

That we decree this matter finally determined forever, and that Comrade John N. Stewart be restored to his honors attained in the Grand Army of the Republic now and hereafter.

That is my substitute.

Comrade RUHE. As the maker of the motion——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. You have heard the motion which Comrade Coney offers as a substitute. Now I will hear——

Comrade RUHE. I wish to reply as the maker of the motion to the argument of Comrade Coney. In making this motion I want to accomplish for the comrades——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Come up on the platform. They can not hear you. Just wait one moment. The ruling of the Chair will be that the Grand Army of the Republic is not bound by the decision of the court in Illinois on its membership. So if you want to appeal from that, all right; but that will be the ruling of the Chair on this question. So you need not go behind it. We will hear the comrade.

Comrade RUHE. Commander in chief and comrades, in making this motion to receive the report from the judge advocate general——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. The motion before the house is now on the substitute of Comrade Coney and not upon the resolution offered by Comrade Willett.

Comrade CONEY. Will you permit me to say, not as a substitute but as an amendment to it.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Well, as an amendment then. That is the question Comrade Coney has offered. We will have a vote on the amendment first, and then on the original motion. We will hear the comrade.

Comrade RUBE. On the original motion for the receiving of the report and concurring in the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on resolutions, so that they may find some means of introducing a measure that will give a final solution to that question. It is one with which quite a number of the comrades are familiar, and it is desirable that it be settled once and for all. And in order to get a clear, concise statement of that question, we want the committee on resolutions, who represent all the departments, to get before them all the evidence that Comrade Coney has, and then from that they can formulate that which will be for the best interests of all the members.

I have no doubt whatever but that the statements that Comrade Coney have made here are perfectly correct, but you do not have all the details in connection therewith. But when your committee on resolutions get all those details—every one of you comrades will be represented in this committee—they will be able to find a solution.

The comrade from Illinois raised the question that the courts claimed they did not have jurisdiction, and I will tell you why. They said that he had not exhausted all the measures in the organization in which he claimed membership, and you have hundreds of decisions of all the courts in this land in which they have held similarly, that in an organization where you have a controversy you must exhaust all measures that you have there first before you can appeal to the civil courts.

Comrades, our easiest and best way to settle this, both to the satisfaction of Comrade Coney and Comrade Stewart themselves, is to place all the evidence that Comrade Coney has and all the evidence that the judge advocate general has before the committee on resolutions. Then they can determine exactly what this encampment ought to do and bring in a final report. For that reason I made that motion, so that justice would be done to everyone. As he said, it is a late day. It is the sunset day. In 1861–1865 it was the sunrise day, and it was in all its glory when the Grand Army of the Republic was formed. Now in the sunset days we want to see that whatever rays are left shall warm the hearts of all you comrades here, shall warm the heart of any comrade that appeals to the justice of this organization, and will make his last days those of content. [Applause.]

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Comrades, this is a very simple case. It is a case of law and a case of fact. This man was court-martialed by his post and he was convicted. He appealed to the department commander of Illinois and the decision was affirmed. He then appealed to the department encampment, and again it was affirmed. He appealed to the national encampment. The then commander in chief referred the matter to a committee of three or four past commanders in chief, and they recommended that the national encampment should drop the whole proceedings, and the encamp-

ment adopted that resolution. Now afterwards it appears that this comrade had been previously elected a vice commander of the Department of Illinois. Some of those people that opposed him contended that while he was restored to the position of comrade in the organization his honors were not given to him. He appealed to a court in Illinois, a court of competent jurisdiction, and that court ruled—in fact, he had a trial before a jury, and the jury decided, and the judge affirmed the decision, that this comrade was not only restored to a position in the Grand Army of the Republic, but all the honors pertaining to that position had been restored to him. Now this is a controversial question, and I therefore suggest that it go to the committee on resolutions, where it can receive adequate consideration, and on that question I move the previous question.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. There is a motion to amend.

Comrade COLE. Withdraw your motion.

Comrade CONEX. Very well. Commander in Chief, on the advice of those present I withdraw my motion and let it stand.

Comrade COLE. On the resolution to refer it to the committee on resolutions I move the previous question.

Comrade CONEX. I withdraw my amendment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. There will be no controversy now, since the amendment has been withdrawn. You have heard the motion of Judge Willett, that this whole matter be referred to the committee on resolutions, and when they make their report then you will know—you will have this whole matter sifted down to a few words so you can understand it and intelligently vote upon it. All in favor of the motion of Judge Willett will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The motion is carried.

(The commander in chief resumed the chair.)

Commander in Chief REESE. The adjutant general will call the roll of officers.

(The roll of officers was then called by Assistant Adjutant General O. C. Bell, who noted those present and those absent.) (See "Roll of national officers," supra.)

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move you, sir, that the report of the credentials committee be accepted as the roll of this encampment. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the credentials committee be approved without reading the names to the encampment. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried. (See "Roll of encampment," supra.)

Comrade GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. United States Senator Hale here, in order to extend a courtesy to the State of Maine and the Grand Army of the Republic, went to the Secretary of the United States Navy and had a battleship, the *Texas*, sent here into the harbor at Portland as a token of honor to the Grand Army of the Republic and our allied guests. Now, temporarily, Captain Andrew of the battleship *Texas* has extended an invitation for this encampment—these delegates—to visit that battleship this afternoon. Launches are at the wharf ready to take you off and bring you back, and for us

not to accept that invitation and act on it is not only an insult to Captain Andrew and the admiral of the battleship *Texas*, the Secretary of the Navy, but to Senator Hale, who has gone to work and got that battleship here for your pleasure; and I move that we adjourn and accept this that has been offered to us.

Comrade D. Z. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. Shouldn't the committee on resolutions be appointed?

Comrade HOSLEY. Let the committee on resolutions be appointed first. After that we will adjourn.

Commander in Chief REESE. Let's get through with our preliminary business. The adjutant will read the committees. Montana and Oklahoma have not reported their member of the committee on resolutions. Will you please report immediately?

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON. Is this a special committee on these resolutions? That is what I want to know. Who are you going to refer this matter to, a special committee or the established committee?

Commander in Chief REESE. No; the committee on resolutions.

Comrade GIBSON. Then, it is already settled. Let us adjourn.

Commander in Chief REESE. Just wait a moment. We will get through a good deal quicker if you will just be patient. The adjutant general will read the committees on visitation, so they can go and make their visits when they desire. The first named on each committee will be the chairman.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL (reading):

Committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher; Past Chaplain in Chief R. J. Hill, of New York; Past Department Commander Oley Nelson, of Iowa.

Committee to visit Ladies of the G. A. R.: Comrades Charles H. Mitchell, of Missouri; Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Massachusetts; Dr. J. H. Pershing, Pennsylvania.

Committee to visit Daughters of Union Veterans: Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson; Senior Aide Charles E. Nason; Comrade J. W. Priddy, of Kansas.

Committee to visit the Sons of Unions Veterans: Comrades Samuel R. Emerson, of Maine; R. D. Bagley, of North Dakota; F. A. Damewood, of Nebraska.

Committee to visit the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary: Comrades David N. Foster, of Indiana; Walter S. Tully, of New Jersey; John P. Risley, of Iowa.

Committee on officers' reports: Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant; Comrades Wilbur F. Henry, of Missouri; Joseph E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska; Jacob Secrest, of Ohio; George F. Jackson, of Alabama.

Reports from the Departments of Montana and Oklahoma have not been received as to member of the national council of administration and member of the committee on resolutions.

(Assistant Adjutant General O. C. Bell then read to the encampment the members of the committee on resolutions so far as had been reported. The list, with additions later made, is as follows:)

Committee on resolutions

Department	Name	Address
Alabama	G. F. Jackson	Birmingham.
Arkansas	W. B. Brown	Bauxite.
California and Nevada	Chas. H. Haskins	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	David N. Heizer	Colorado Springs.
Connecticut	Henry J. Seeley	Bridgeport.
Delaware	James Lynn	Wilmington.
Florida	C. E. Beach	St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina	J. W. Howder	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho	James W. Shields	Boise.
Illinois	John E. Andrew	Quincy.
Iowa	James W. Willett	Tama.
Kansas	P. H. Coney	Topeka.
Kentucky	T. A. Casey	Dayton.
Louisiana and Mississippi	John Ayers	Summit, Miss.
Maine	Leroy T. Carleton	Winthrop.
Maryland	John R. King	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Henri Batchelder	Everett.
Michigan	A. C. Estabrook	Allegan.
Minnesota	Samuel R. Van Sant	Minneapolis.
Missouri	A. M. Reynolds	St. Joseph.
Montana		
New Hampshire	W. H. Trickey	Concord.
New Jersey	Frank O. Cole	Jersey City.
Nebraska	O. C. Bell	Lincoln.
New York	Lewis S. Pilcher	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	Charles Cotter	Fargo.
Ohio	Alexis Brown	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	S. M. Elder	Newkirk.
Oregon	C. H. Blake	Millsboro.
Pennsylvania	Louis F. Arensberg	East Millsboro.
Potomac	B. W. Bonney	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	Charles H. Bullock	East Providence.
South Dakota	W. A. Thompson	Huron.
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah		
Vermont	John A. Thwing	Bellows Falls.
Virginia and North Carolina		
Washington and Alaska	A. A. Stevens	Wenatchee.
West Virginia	J. T. McCombs	Moundsville.
Wisconsin	E. B. Heimstreet	Lake Mills.

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, of Pennsylvania. Before we take the recess, will you kindly ask all departments or comrades, if they have any resolutions to offer, to present them now without reading so that the committee will have something to look after this evening.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I move that all resolutions be referred to the committee on resolutions without reading.

Commander in Chief REESE. A motion will be in order to confirm the recommendation of these departments.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I make the motion.

Commander in Chief REESE. It is moved and seconded that the member from each department reported as the member of the committee on resolutions be confirmed. All in favor of that say "Aye." Contrary, "No." So ordered. The ayes have it. I will appoint

as temporary chairman of the resolutions committee Past Commander in Chief Pilcher. Now, you announce the date of your meeting when you desire it.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. The committee on resolutions will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, daylight-saving time, at the Eastland Hotel. The room—I don't know the number—will be the general headquarters of the Grand Army. I think that will be a convenient room and will be large enough for us. Eastland Hotel, 8 o'clock to-night.

The chairman will receive any resolutions which will be presented from any of the departments between the present and that hour.

I move that all resolutions be transmitted to the committee on resolutions without reading. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that all resolutions be handed to the committee on resolutions without reading. Understand that, comrades. If you have any resolutions that you want to bring before this encampment, see that they get to the resolutions committee this evening. Thank you.

Comrade WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, of Illinois. I now move that we recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, daylight-saving time. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn——

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. There is a motion before the house that has not been passed upon. The motion to refer the resolutions to the committee on resolutions without reading has not been voted upon.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Are you ready for the question?

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Before that was my motion that the resolutions be transmitted to the committee without reading.

Commander in Chief REESE. That has been ordered. Now, comrades, you have heard the motion that we now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, daylight-saving time. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." So carried.

(Whereupon, at 4.20 o'clock p. m., the national encampment took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1929

MORNING SESSION, 10.10 A. M.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. Officer of the guard, you will admit none to this room except delegates. All others will be admitted to the galleries. The officer of the day will remain in front of the commander in chief and receive all communications or orders from the commander in chief. Visiting delegates from other organizations will present themselves at the door. The officer of the guard will notify the officer of the day, who will admit them

and report to the commander in chief. Probably a committee will be directed to visit the door and escort the delegation to the platform. I just wanted you to get quiet and get ready for business.

Commander in Chief REESE. We will now open our encampment this morning. We will open our session by a prayer from our chaplain in chief. [Encampment called to its feet by the gavel.]

Department Chaplain J. KING GIBSON. Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy sovereign care and protection, in that Thou didst lead us in the days that were shadowed with trouble, and gavest us strength when the burden of the day was heavy upon us, and gavest us courage and guidance, so that after the conflict we have come to these days of peace. We thank Thee that the wrath of war has been stilled, that brother no longer strives against brother, that once again we have one country and one flag.

May Thy blessing be upon us as a people that we may be Thy people, true and righteous, in all our ways, tender and patient in our charity, though resolute for the right; careful more for the downtrodden than ourselves, eager to forward the interest of every citizen throughout the land, so that our country may be indeed one country from the rivers to the sea, from the mountains to the plains.

We pray Thee to make our memories steadfast, that we may never forget the generous sacrifices made for our country. May our dead be enshrined in our hearts. May their graves be the altars of our grateful and reverential patriotism.

Hear us, O Lord. We ask it in the name of Him who made proof of the dignity and who consecrated the power of sacrifice in His blessed life and death, even in the name of Jesus Christ, the great captain of our salvation. Amen.

Commander in Chief REESE. A delegation of the Woman's Relief Corps. They will be admitted. Comrades Willett, Jewel, and Arensberg are appointed to escort them in. [Encampment called to its feet by the gavel as the delegation is escorted to the platform.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I present to you the visiting committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. [Presenting committee composed of Mrs. Minnie T. Horseman, national president; Cora M. Davis, national secretary; Mrs. Etta B. Reese, wife of the commander in chief; and Past National Presidents Marie L. Basham and Flo Jamison Miller.]

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, I have the honor and pleasure to introduce to you a committee from our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. I want to present to you the president of our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, who will bring to you a message worth while. [Applause.]

Mrs. MINNIE T. HORSEMAN, national president, Portland, Oreg. My own Commander in Chief, these honored men of the Grand Army of the Republic, officers, and Grand Army men as a whole, I am so happy and glad to stand before you this morning. I believe it is the highest honor that any woman can have to come before this body of men who fought and bled and died for us.

Comrades, I am not going to take your time this morning, because I brought our silver-tongued orator with us, but I came to read to you my report and just simply say I bring to you the greetings of the National Woman's Relief Corps. [Reading.]



MINNIE T. HORSEMAN
National President, Woman's Relief Corps.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, TO THE COMMANDER
IN CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

PORTLAND, ME., September 8, 1929.

JOHN REESE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the pleasure of submitting to you this brief report of the work accomplished by your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, for the year ending June 30, 1929.

Number of departments	36
Number of provisional departments	3
Number of detached corps	15
Number of corps	2, 258
Number of members	171, 123

Amount in cash expended for relief	\$30, 434. 40
Amount cash turned over to posts	9, 532. 64
Estimated value of relief other than money	235, 393. 53

Total expended as above	275, 360. 57
For Memorial Day (from headquarters)	\$1, 050. 00
For southern memorial fund	506. 45
For Army nurses	1, 120. 34
For Army nurses (from headquarters fund)	1, 165. 00
For London branch American Civil War veterans	125. 00
	3, 966. 79

Total amount expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., as above, during the year	279, 327. 36
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Balance in general funds of corps	197, 359. 57
Balance in relief funds	32, 849. 62
Total in general and relief funds of corps	230, 209. 19

Total number of persons assisted	47, 339
Total amount expended for relief and Memorial Day, turned over to posts, etc., for the year ending June 30, 1929	\$279, 327. 36
Total amount expended for relief and Memorial Day, etc., since organization to June 30, 1929	7, 375, 287. 48

In addition to the above we have contributed during the year ending June 30, 1929:

For World War veterans and nurses	\$4, 740. 94
For Spanish War veterans and nurses	654. 07
For soldiers' homes	4, 141. 12
For soldiers' widows' homes	2, 372. 16
For soldiers' orphans' homes	1, 190. 45
For Americanization fund	3, 476. 65
For scholarships	2, 291. 73
For schools in the South	361. 52
For child welfare fund	3, 846. 01

The national treasurer's report shows:

Cash balances to June 30, 1929, in general fund	12, 160. 36
In all other funds	17, 041. 24

Total cash in all funds	29, 201. 60
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Assets:

Due from departments	1, 238. 87
Salable supplies June 30, 1929, valued at cost	13, 212. 14

Total assets	43, 652. 61
Liabilities	None.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

(Signed)

MINNIE T. HORSEMAN,
National President.

And now, comrades, I am going to present to you the remainder of the committee. The first one over here is the wife of our commander in chief. We have lovingly called her this year "Mrs. Commander in Chief." She is also a past national junior vice president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Reese.

Mrs. ETTA B. REESE, of Broken Bow, Nebr. My commander in chief, honored veterans, and you who are representatives of the order, I greet you. I extend to you a most loving and heartfelt greeting. For 12 months I have served you to the best of my ability, and I have felt that it was the greatest honor that has ever come to me that I was chosen secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic and to my commander in chief. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mrs. HORSEMAN. And now, comrades, I have a treat in store for you. As I told you, we have brought our silver-tongued orator who is to speak to you, none other than Flo Jamison Miller, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. [Applause.]

Mrs. FLO JAMISON MILLER, Decatur, Ill. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want to say that it takes the Atlantic Ocean to get away with my voice. I have been croaking for the last day or two. But I am very glad to be here. It is not the first time at all, but I come here as the representative of the Woman's Relief Corps for very many reasons. I want to say to you that I had the honor to accompany your commander in chief in his visit to Washington when he made the fight for pensions, and I want to say to every comrade of the Grand Army that no man ever worked harder, no man ever did more for the Grand Army of the Republic and the pensions for you and your dependents than the commander in chief, Comrade Reese. [Applause.]

There are some newspapers that say what they think, whether they know it is the truth or not. But whatever might be said, I am a living witness to tell you that every effort was put forth, and the Woman's Relief Corps as one of the auxiliaries—as the only auxiliary—is very well satisfied with his efforts.

We have the soldiers' mothers, we have the soldiers' wives, we have the soldiers' daughters in our ranks. We also have the loyal women of the United States, and so I say to you that outside of the membership, outside of our relationship to you and others of your order, we are loyal women, basing our membership, and the only patriotic organization in existence that bases its membership, not alone on relationship to the soldier but on loyalty to the United States [applause], because it is loyalty to the United States that in this day counts.

We are already doing everything we can to uphold the principles that you men fought for. We are all aware of the necessity for us to stand on the front line in the war of downing communism and the attempt to destroy the Government of the United States. [Applause.]

We have a large membership and we stand united to do everything that we can to uphold you and the principles that you put forth. And so it is a great pleasure for me to be here and also to tell you that on account of my relationship to the soldier—because my father

was a soldier—but back of all that, the relationship I can not help, but we can help their being loyal or disloyal; and when not long ago in reading a letter turned to yellow, the pages were, and bordered with red and blue, the ink faded and very dim, and the close of the letter said, “Kiss the babies for me and do not let them forget they have a soldier for a father.” That message that was sent by my father reached me then and has stayed with me always; and so long as life shall last, as long as the Woman’s Relief Corps can be of assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic in any way, we stand ready to follow in what has been requested of us, never stepping in front and taking the lead but following after the “Boys in Blue” who saved the country. [Applause.]

Mrs. HORSEMAN. And now, comrades, I have the pleasure of presenting another one of our loved past national presidents, Marie L. Basham, of Iowa. She lives “out where the tall corn grows.” [Applause.]

Mrs. MARIE L. BASHAM, of Des Moines, Iowa. Comrades, I am one of the infants of the past national presidents and I will be very brief. This is the first time I have ever been privileged to stand in your convention, and I leave this message with you: “We love you collectively and individually.” [Applause.]

Mrs. HORSEMAN. And now I have another treat for you, my own national secretary, Cora M. Davis, who is also a past national president of the Woman’s Relief Corps. My particular friend of many years, Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. CORA M. DAVIS, of Portland, Oreg. Commander in chief and dear comrades of mine, “Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh.” This is the first time in 17 years since I then stood before the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic when our sainted Harvey M. Trimble was commander in chief and I was the national president of the Woman’s Relief Corps.

Comrades, you can never know how thrilled we are to come into your presence. You can never know what an inspiration we shall carry away with us. It has been the marvel of all other peoples of the world that the mighty Union armies after the surrender of the united Confederacy at Appomattox faded out of the military picture into the paths of peace, and cherished for their fellow soldiers eternal comradeship and for the fallen foe only pity and forgiveness.

Nothing under the shining sun, comrades, can ever obscure the glory of your achievements, nor can all time rob your services of their majestic results. Under the peerless leadership at that time of our sainted Lincoln you actually made Old Glory the hope of the world. [Applause.]

What more can we say? Comrades, as members of your auxiliary we lay our trophies at your feet. We are yours to command for the priceless heritage you have handed down to us. Many of us, my own self included, your daughters; others your wives. For that priceless heritage you have our everlasting devotion, you have our gratitude, you have our homage, you have our love. Long live the Grand Army of the Republic! [Applause.]

Mrs. HORSEMAN. Now, Commander in Chief, we are not going to take any more of your time. I just want to leave with you this little sentiment:

I have seen the shining faces of the soldiers of to-day,
And my heart goes out in love for them, bright in their array;
But the kindly, grizzled features of the men whom Lincoln blest
As they older grow, and dearer, ever seem to me the best,
And I'll ne'er forget the loyalty in childhood's days ago
For the comrades of my father and the Boys of Sixty-one.

Commander in Chief REESE. Past Commander in Chief Comrade Willett, will you please respond to these splendid greetings from our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps? I know you can do it well, and I am leaving it to you.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, my comrades, and sisters here of the national organization of the Woman's Relief Corps. Words are inadequate to express our sincere regard, love, and affection for the organization known as the National Woman's Relief Corps. We all realize that they are the best fraternal consort that any organization has ever had in history, and it matters not how complimentarily we may refer to these things, we can not do the subject justice.

In all of my experiences and associations with the Grand Army of the Republic and with the Relief Corps I have never heard anything from the comrades but words of commendation, and I trust sincerely that throughout all time of our existence and being that no Grand Army man will be so recreant to his trust, so forgetful of the association, as to speak in other words than those of commendation for our valuable auxiliary.

We not only love them, as my running mate put it, collectively and individually, but with all our heart and soul, and can see nothing but good in the progress of their splendid organization; and we have no doubt but that when we have gone to the Great Beyond and nothing but memory will be left as an inspiration they will continue to carry on. I believe it, comrades, and I have every reason to think that you believe it. And I have faith that history, as it is written in the future, will recite the fact that they are just as dear and sincere in their reverence for our memory as they have been for us in person. I trust and hope that my conviction will prove a verity. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE (calling the encampment to its feet by the gavel). The committee will now escort the ladies to the door and say good-by to them until we meet again.

There is a committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans at the door who desire admission. They will be admitted, and I will appoint Comrade Van Sant, past commander in chief, and this comrade, Comrade Shergur, of New York, to escort them into the encampment.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Commander in chief, I have the pleasure of presenting a committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War [presenting committee composed of Bertha Martin, Lotta Cawrey, Ellen Meyers, Flora B. Hallett, Stella Donnell, and Angelia L. Cooper.]

Mrs. BERTHA M. MARTIN. Commander in chief and comrades dear, I feel very keenly this privilege, and me seems to hear these words,

"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." For was it not

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy
Did you not offer your life
To make men free,
And your glory lives forever.

And thus I bring to you these golden flowers as an expression of the love and good will of the organization I represent—the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

These are days of memory, and I but open memory's casket and bring to you some of my choicest gems. Forty-four years ago in the little city of Massillon, Ohio, five school girls stood at the entrance to the city of our dead. And it was there that a spontaneous burst of inherited patriotism caused them to say, "We, too, must have an organization—an organization of the daughters of these men. It is our duty and our privilege and our honor to share their sorrows and share their joys," and it was there and then that the Daughters of Union Veterans of 1861-1865 came into existence—not in antagonism to any other organization, but just out of pure and holy love for you and our desire to be of service and help to you to perpetrate the memory of those deeds of valor and of heroism.

We stand here not as a living monument to war and all its grim horrors but as a living monument to those deeds that thou didst perpetrate, that thou didst take part in in that great time when the Civil War was at its height. You went forth in defense of country and country's flag.

And I ask you whether we have kept faith with you in these 44 years in which we have been marching with you in sunshine and in rain. To-day 44,000 of your daughters, representing nearly every State in the Union, are banded together to stand for you and for country and for country's flag. [Applause.]

For your organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, the sun is sinking beyond the western hills. For the organization of your sons and daughters it stands at high noontide. But up the eastern slope with the rising of the sun come our sons and our daughters, a loyal band of boys and girls who are coming up to join us with the hope that never again shall grim war attack. But should it come, we, too, will square our shoulders and stand for God, for country, and for the right as stood you. [Applause.]

We are a Nation made up of the nations of the world, and I like this little poem. I don't remember the rythm but I shall never forget the sentiment:

I chanced to walk down upon the city's crowded street;
I wondered whence he came, what had been his nation's name,
And I said to him: "What are you—Scotch, Italian, Russian, Jew,
Czech or Moravian, Dutch or Scandinavian?"
And he threw his head on high, as he made this reply:
"What I was it matters not, in this land of liberty,
As man to man, I am just American."

[Applause.]

That is the type of citizens that will make and keep our great Nation. But to any others who come here to criticize or condemn, we bid them know, to remember, that back of all of the Nation's defense stands this great army of your sons and your daughters, and this great army, like those splendid Boy Scouts that have been doing such splendid service that I spoke of as coming up over the eastern slope, and with you going down the western slope, your sons and daughters standing where the sun of high noon is shedding its pure rays of sunlight, this great Republic is safe for all time to come, made thus by the grandest army of the grandest Republic upon the face of God's green footstool. [Applause.]

Daddies, I can not leave you without saying another word to you. We fear not so much the foreign foe as we fear the foe within who does forget his duty as an American citizen and does not uphold the President of the United States in the support of all of the constitutional laws of this great Nation. May we always stand true and fast in golden memory of you, the survivors of that great day when the Nation needed you men.

Here on the rock-bound coast of New England I am reminded anew of the great deeds of valor of our Revolutionary fathers in building this great Republic. But I am reminded anew that you did those things that, had they been left undone, would have made useless those things that had been done in the great Revolutionary time and would have made impossible all our victory that has come since.

So I say that we stand, not in memory to grim war, but to peace and prosperity and victory and righteousness bought at such a cost on those southern battle plains.

God bless you and God keep you, and may God's sun shine upon you many days. But when the time comes that the last one of you have answered the last roll call, we will be here to say and pledge allegiance to the flag. Our motto is, "The flag our fathers saved."

Fall in, fall in, old soldiers,
And fight your battles o'er,
Until above the low bier
The wings of freedom soar.

Stand hand in hand
And heart to heart.
In fame's eternal panorama,
Until the last reunion shall
Unite you over there.

And the flag you saved is the flag that is high up where lightnings are flying. She dazzles the nations with ripples of red, and she will wave o'er you living and droop o'er you dead, the flag of our country forever.

I am not going to take your precious time to tell you the names of these sisters who came with me, but I will just call them to come forward, all of them. Daddies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are the greetings committee from your daughters, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. We greet you and wish you Godspeed and a most successful and happy encampment. God grant we will meet again. Wherever you say, we shall go.

Commander in Chief REESE. Past Commander in Chief Pilcher, will you please respond to these splendid greetings of our daughters? I know you can do it well.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Commander in Chief, our daughters have brought us flowers and love. We receive it. We treasure it. In the name of these comrades of mine, 500 and more, I return to you that love which was brought to us and ask only that as the years go by your enthusiasm shall grow and that not only daughters shall come to us, but granddaughters and great-granddaughters. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. The committee will escort the ladies to the door, and we thank you, ladies and sisters.

Mrs. MARTIN. Commander in chief, may I just say one more word—just one more word? I want to remind you of the time in 1890 when you opened your arms to us as an organization. Your hearts were always with us, and you said to us, "Come in and be a member of our family." And now we are here and still serving the Army blue, but the crown of gray. We bring to you these loyal tributes and thank you for the privilege of being a part of your great family. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. The Spanish War Veterans are at the door. A committee from the Spanish War Veterans will be admitted and the auxiliary. I present to you, comrades, a representative from the Spanish War Veterans and their auxiliary. Please greet them, salute them. [Presenting Charles Oerter, jr. and Mabel V. Oerter.]

Mr. OERTER. To you, as the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am privileged to extend to you and through you to all the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic here assembled, and those also who are not able to attend, the most heartfelt greetings of the United Spanish War Veterans. Knowing that your time has been taken up and also that time is short, please accept again from one comrade to another those greetings which can be extended only in and through the heart and I hope shall be so accepted. I thank you. And, Commander, I only hope that you shall and will be spared for many more conventions. I thank you.

Mrs. OERTER. Commander Reese and comrades assembled in this convention, I deem it a great privilege to come into your meeting and bring the greetings of Cumberland Auxiliary No. 5, of Portland, Me., Department of Maine United Spanish War Veterans, and I trust that your stay in our beautiful city by the sea has been a pleasant one and that you will have many more pleasant meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. [Presenting flowers.]

Commander in Chief REESE. Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, will you respond to this splendid greeting from the Spanish American War Veterans and their auxiliary?

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I will just say, commander in chief, that the Spanish War Veterans did a quick job and in 100 days they gave liberty to a little nation, Cuba, and countless millions across the sea, and drove the Spaniards from the country forever. We thank them for the work they did then and for the work they are doing now. God bless you.

Commander in Chief REESE. Carry back to your camp the greetings of the Grand Army and say to them that we are thankful for the assistance they give us on all occasions. [The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel and the committee retired.]

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER, of Indiana. The committee appointed to visit the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans made such a visitation and were well received, and they sent you this badge.

Commander in Chief REESE. Are there any other committees at the door waiting? If not, we will proceed to the order of business. I want to say to you that the committee on rules and regulations—their report was not received in time to have it printed. The other reports were received and in press and finished before we received this report, and I desire it to be read to the encampment at this time.

The report of the committee on rules and regulations was then read by Assistant Adjutant General O. C. Bell, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

JUDGE JOHN REESE,

*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.*

DEAR COMMANDER: Correspondence with members of the committee on rules and regulations and other comrades interested in the activities of the Grand Army of the Republic has failed to disclose any material suggestion for changes or amendments to the rules and regulations except in the case of Comrade W. F. Henry, assistant adjutant general, Department of Missouri, who recommends the adoption of a rule empowering post commanders to appoint secretaries, preferably Sons of Veterans, to do the work of the adjutant and quartermaster where members are disqualified by age or disability, but not to provide that they take part in the proceedings of the post, in harmony with General Order No. 3, series 1928-29 Comrade Reese, commander in chief.

It does not appear that this authority has been granted by any specific act of the national encampment, and if it has not been so ordered it is recommended that this authority be granted post commanders.

It appears also that there has been no compilation of the laws enacted by the national encampment since 1922, and as it is difficult to remember just what the laws recently provided in regard to the duty of post membership and other obligations relating to the government of the order.

It is recommended that a committee be appointed by the incoming commander in chief to codify the laws enacted since 1922 and publish the same for the information of members.

This could be incorporated in the journal of 1930.

(Signed) JOHN J. STEADMAN,
Chairman.

Commander in Chief REESE. If there are no objections, this report will be referred to the chairman of the committee on resolutions for further report by him.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. We now have greetings from the different organizations. First I will read the greetings from the President of the United States:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 18, 1929.

MY DEAR MR. REESE: Your letter of July 15 extending an invitation to me to attend the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Portland, Me., September 8 to 13, has been received.

I am very sorry indeed that because of the very great press of public business confronting me I can not be with you on that occasion to do honor to you and your comrades who served our country so devotedly in its time of crisis.

I hope if an opportunity offers you will be good enough to extend my greetings and best wishes to all those assembled for the encampment.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

Mr. JOHN REESE,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.*

This was followed by the Christmas letter from President Calvin Coolidge, as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 20, 1928.

To all disabled ex-service men and women:

Personally, and on behalf of a grateful and sympathetic country, I send you greetings and a message of good cheer upon this return of the holiday season.

As we think of the bountiful benefits now enjoyed by our people, we can not, and do not, forget those who have suffered and do suffer because of injuries and ill health received in the struggle to maintain these benefits secure. The material aids and comforts our Government has extended have been freely given, and will be cheerfully maintained. But, at this time I want to open to you the heart of the Nation, which beats in warm response to your courage and fortitude in bearing your burdens.

May peace and happiness be yours now and through the coming years.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

To JOHN REESE,
*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.*

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., September 5, 1929.

Dear Comrades of the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

One of the greatest disappointments of my life is that I am not physically able to attend the national encampment at Portland, Me.

I wish all of you a good time, a successful and harmonious encampment, and a safe return to your homes.

Sincerely in F., C., and L.

(Signed) JOHN B. INMAN,
Past Commander in Chief.

BANGOR, ME., September 6, 1929.

ADJUTANT GENERAL,
*Grand Army of the Republic, National Headquarters,
Portland, Me.:*

Department of Maine, United Spanish War Veterans, bid most heartiest welcome to the veterans of the most magnificent army of all time, the Grand Army of the Republic. May your encampment be most successful.

(Signed) MARTIN J. McDONOUGH,
Department Adjutant.

DENVER, COLO., September 10, 1929.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
*Grand Army of the Republic, Convention Hall,
Portland, Me.:*

The Thirty-first National Convention assembled of the auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans at Denver, Colo., sends you greetings for a most successful convention.

(Signed) OLIVE M. RAVENS,
National President.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE,
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Portland, Me., September 9, 1929.

Comrade JOHN REESE,
*Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Eastland Hotel, Portland, Me.*

DEAR COMRADE REESE: On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Department of Maine, I wish to extend to you and all members of the G. A. R.,

and their allied bodies assembled in national encampment at Portland, Me., my sincere greeting and hope that your stay with us will be a pleasant one and your encampment the best in the history of the G. A. R.

Yours in comradeship,

JOSEPH H. BOIVIN,
Commander, Department of Maine V. F. W. of U. S.

Official.

W. J. O'CONNELL, *Department Adjutant.*

[SEAL.]

DENVER, COLO., *September 11, 1929.*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF,

Grand Army of the Republic, Portland, Me.:

The United Spanish War Veterans in session at Denver, Colo., extend to our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic our fraternal greetings and best wishes for a most successful encampment. You have our assurance of cooperation in enacting your legislation.

WM. L. GRAYSON, *Commander in Chief.*

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. In regard to that communication from the United Spanish War Veterans, I move you, sir, that the adjutant general send a suitable reply in response, sending the greetings of the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to the United Spanish War Veterans now assembled in Denver, Colo. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the adjutant general will convey to the Spanish American War Veterans now in session at Denver our response to their greetings.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Send it either by wire or radio.

Commander in Chief REESE. Are you ready for the question. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

I would just say, comrades, that has been done because we thought it might be too late if we waited until after, and so we sent a message last night. [Applause.]

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. A telegram from Augusta, Me. [reading]:

AUGUSTA, ME., *September 7, 1929.*

Judge JOHN REESE,

*Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Portland, Me.:*

A former Nebraskan welcomes you and Mrs. Reese to the Pine Tree State and greets with high appreciation the gallant men of the Grand Army of the Republic and the courageous women who must ever share your glory as they shared your hardships and dangers. A grateful and united people shall ever be grateful for the heritage you have left in a free united country. Yours was truly a war for peace, for peace could never come so long as men enslaved their fellow men. May your stay in Maine and your reunion with old comrades be a joyous one.

AUGUSTUS O. THOMAS.

AUBURN, ME., *September 11, 1929.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF,

*National G. A. R. and Allied Organizations,
Portland, Me.:*

The Auburn Chamber of Commerce extends its hearty good wishes for a successful and harmonious gathering and an earnest hope for a continuation of your valued services. May you and allied organizations carry home with you many pleasant remembrances of Maine.

AUBURN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
By G. LAWRENCE WINSLOW, *President,*
S. O. FOSS, Jr., *Secretary.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 11, 1929.*

NATIONAL COMMANDER,

Grand Army of the Republic Convention,

Portland, Me.:

Greetings from Forty-first Convention Army and Navy Union.

PEAK, *National Commander.*

Mr. JOHN REESE,

NORTHHAVEN, ME., *September 13, 1929.*

Commander in Chief, G. A. R.,

Care Bosworth Post 44, Free Street, Portland, Me.:

I deeply appreciate the honor of your invitation to attend the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland, but I regret very much that it is not possible for me to be with you. May I extend congratulations and best wishes.

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH.

Commander in Chief REESE. All of these greetings, if there is no objection, will be responded to, as they are not in session, any of them. They will be responded to in appropriate responses, unless there are some objections. If no objections, it will be so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. The committee on commander in chief's address is ready to present its report:

To the Sixty-third National Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the commander in chief beg to report:

The address deals largely with the subject in which we are all vitally interested—that of pension legislation. It shows that our commander lost no time in visiting Washington to confer with the President and Members of Congress, more especially with Senator Robinson, of Indiana, whose bill has the approval of our organization. He was cordially received and given evidence of cordial support. It was soon apparent that all efforts during the short session would be futile. Attention was then given to the called special session. The commander called his legislative committee to meet him in Washington. We were at once handicapped by the special objects for which the session was called, namely, farm relief and tariff. The commander and his committee tried to impress upon Members of the Congress that the matter of farm relief was a matter of moment, yet the matter of relief for the fast-disappearing line of Union veterans of the Civil War and the widows was of vastly more importance, involving, as it does, the very existence of the proposed beneficiaries. However, it was soon evident that we were again doomed to disappointment. We are now looking forward to the December session, when we are assured of success.

The sympathy of President Hoover is assured. In the matter of pensions we are in hearty accord with the proposed amendment to the Robinson bill as suggested by our commander in chief.

We ask you to unite with us in cordial thanks to our commander for his earnest, virile effort in our behalf.

JNO. R. KING.

LEWIS S. PILCHER.

FRANK A. WALSH.

I call for the adoption of this report. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES E. JEWEL (in the chair). Comrades, you have heard the reading of the report of the committee on the commander in chief's address. It has been moved and seconded that the report be adopted. All who favor that will say "Aye." "No." The ayes have it; unanimous.

Commander in Chief REESE (resuming the chair). I thank you, comrades, for the approval of the report of the committee.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on rules and regulations, which report was to the effect that since "there has been no

compilation of the laws enacted by the national encampment since 1922, and as it is difficult to remember just what the laws recently provide in regard to the duties of post membership and other obligations relating to the government of the order," and recommending that a committee be appointed by the incoming commander in chief to codify the laws enacted since 1922 and publish the same for the information of members, which could be incorporated in the Journal of 1930; your committee approves the recommendation of this committee on rules and regulations and move that such a committee for compilation of the laws as recommended be adopted.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee on rules and regulations be adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried. So ordered.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. The treasurer of the board of trustees of the permanent fund, according to the rules and regulations, should make a report to this encampment of the condition of the funds.

Commander in Chief REESE. Very well. You may make it now.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I wish to present this to the encampment [reading]:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Account of Dr. Louis F. Arensberg, treasurer of the permanent fund, Grand Army of the Republic for period from August 14, 1928, to August 14, 1929

SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH

1929

Aug. 14.	4½ per cent Cleveland school bonds	\$4,000.00
	4½ per cent corporation stock, city of New York	17,000.00
	4 per cent city of Philadelphia municipal loans	9,800.00
	6 per cent Henry M. Flaherty mortgage	1,500.00
Total		<u>32,300.00</u>

INCOME

1928

Aug. 14.	To balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh	3,401.07
Aug. 21.	To interest Cleveland school bonds	\$90.00
Sept. 15.	To interest United States Liberty loan	31.88
Oct. 15.	To cash deposited	1,500.00
Nov. 1.	To interest New York City corporation stock	382.50

1929

Jan. 2.	To interest Philadelphia municipal loans	196.00
Feb. 20.	To interest Cleveland school bonds	90.00
Mar. 11.	To interest Henry M. Flaherty mortgage	\$45.00
	Less accrued interest in repurchase	1.75
		43.25
May 1.	To interest New York City corporation stock	382.50
June 29.	To interest Philadelphia municipal loan	50.00
July 1.	To interest Philadelphia municipal loan	146.00
July 1.	To interest on daily balances for the year in the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh	99.06
		<u>3,011.19</u>
		6,412.26

EXPENDITURES

1929

Feb. 18. Check drawn against account-----	\$12. 50	
Aug. 14. By 5 per cent the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for collection of interest-----	63. 31	
		\$75. 81
14. Cash balance on deposit with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh -----		6, 336. 45

Respectfully submitted, in F., C., and L.,

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
JNO. R. KING, *Trustee*,
LEWIS S. PILCHER, *Trustee*,
L. F. ARENSBERG, *Trustee and Treasurer*.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depository for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to August 14, 1929, showing \$32,300 in securities and \$6,336.45 cash on deposit with this company is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
By W. W. GRINSTEAD, *Trust Officer*.

I must explain to you that this income is carried on in a checking account or interest account by the treasurer, so that if there is any demand made on him for assistance from the quartermaster general he will have some funds on hand. This checking account we can check on by an order from the commander in chief, but the principal in the permanent fund can not be touched unless there is a resolution passed by the national encampment, authorizing a withdrawal of some of the money.

I move you, Commander in Chief, that the report of the treasurer of the permanent fund be accepted and filed. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the treasurer of the trustees of the permanent fund be accepted and placed on file. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the question say "Aye." Contrary, the same. Carried and so ordered.

Comrade SAMUEL F. EMERSON, of Maine. This resolve is introduced by direction of the Department of Maine:

Resolved, That the recommendation of National Commander Reese in his annual report that no more encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic be held in New England is ill advised, uncalled for, unpatriotic, and wrong; that it does not reflect the sentiment of the Grand Army of the Republic; and that it deserves the rebuke of the entire organization.

Comrade J. F. FOGLER, of Maine. I move the passage of the resolution.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, there is a loyal lady here that wants to bring a message to you, and I will introduce her to you at this time. She has a message she wants to tell you.

Mrs. MARY M. NORTH, of Washington, D. C. Commander in chief, our beloved leader, and all the members of the Grand Army of the Republic: I have been with you ever since I was a child and I know just what your needs are and I have helped in a great many ways. I have helped the commander in chief a little bit the past year, as a member of the legislative committee. I have been to Congress and worried them about once a week all through the year, and I thank you that I am returning the trust to you and pledge I am not going

to give up the work. I am on the job to stay until you all get the pensions you want, which I hope will be soon.

But I do want to tell you a little incident that you may never have heard of and that some never will unless I tell you. Last fall there came to Washington a man who had wandered around over the world, and he kept a house in Washington—I mean a room—on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington which he would come back to from his many trips. He was a pensioner of the Civil War and was also a member of a regiment during the Indian War. He was a Frenchman by birth, but he did not want to stay in Alsace because it had been captured by another nation. So he came to America in a sailing vessel, went down the coast with some others and joined a regiment in the South. He did not know there was going to be a rebellion, but when he got here he found out that he had gotten in a rebel regiment. Colonel Lee was the one who talked to him and enlisted him. But he said he did not want to stay any longer with troops that were going to rebel against the United States Government. So he and his companions got their discharges and went North, and that is the way he came to get into the rebellion in the North—the United States Army.

But I am going to tell you about that man's end. I saw in the paper in Washington one morning that a man named Joseph Gigan-det had been found dead in his bed in a rooming house. The authorities didn't know whether to send his body to the Soldiers' Home or to Arlington. I decided that, because he didn't want to be buried in the Soldiers' Home burial ground, and I got in touch with the members of the Potomac Grand Army, and all of their officers at that time were sick. They had the grippe, or something like it; and the commander told me to go ahead and arrange for the services, so I did.

I called up the War Department and I called up Fort Myer, and I found that I could get a firing squad and he could have a military funeral, and the grave was dug. I could not find anybody to go to Arlington with me. Everybody was busy. Nobody knew the poor man anyway. But I went to Arlington. The firing squad was there, the bugler was there, and the chaplain was there; and we had a real military funeral, and I was pleased that I was there. I was the only representative of the Grand Army there, the only representative of the Woman's Relief Corps, or the Daughters of Veterans, or any other patriotic organization. But the Lord took care of him, and I know he is safe. I thank you for listening. I thought you might like to know of this incident. [Applause.]

Comander in Chief REESE. We thank you for this message.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT. Before that lady rose to speak, there was a communication read and I do not believe there was any comrade in the room knows what it was about. Will you please have that reread—that communication before this lady took the floor.

Commander in Chief REESE. What communication?

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. That communication was a resolution which should not have been read before the main body, but should have gone to the committee on resolutions without reading. That is where it is now, in the pocket of the chair-

man of the committee on resolutions, from which, if proper, it will appear in due time.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. We could not understand what it had reference to.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. This is the report of the auditing committee [reading]:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Sixty-third National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Portland, Me.

COMRADES: The committee appointed by the commander in chief to examine and audit the books of Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits submit the following report:

We met according to the order and checked all of the vouchers and bank account of the quartermaster general, and we found the said records to be in good shape, well kept, and easily understandable.

The books show, as shown by the printed report which you will find on page 17 of the officers' reports, that after paying the expenses of the national encampment, from the 10th day of August, 1928, to the 10th day of August, 1929, the total receipts, including the balance, were \$19,374.88; that there was expended for expenses, supplies, travel, etc., \$10,697.35, leaving total cash in all funds August 10, 1929, \$8,677.53, which was credited to two funds: First, the general fund of \$6,782.11, and the Southern memorial fund of \$1,895.42, being the total cash on hand as shown above.

We have many times been called upon to express our appreciation of the work of the quartermaster general and we do so again. For many years he has had the invaluable assistance of Roderick J. Cant, his son-in-law. And we might say to the encampment that he has a lady who keeps his books for him, and that the books are kept in fine shape, clearly written, and among the other good things that the quartermaster general brings to the national encampment he brings the services of this lady in Buffalo, N. Y.

Respectfully submitted.

SILAS H. TOWLER, *Chairman*
JAMES W. WILLETT,
W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT,
Auditing Committee.

I move that the report of the auditing committee be adopted.
[Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the auditing committee be adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the question say "Aye." Contrary, "No." So ordered.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. The report on officers reports, other than the commander in chief [reading]:

The committee on officers' reports, other than commander in chief, respectfully submit the following:

The executive committee of the council of administration report that the quartermaster general's report was correct and complete. The other officers' reports would indicate that they gave faithful service and are to be commended for their efficient work.

S. R. VAN SANT, *Chairman.*
J. E. GANDY.
JACOB SECREST.
D. C. BOTHELL.
W. F. HENRY.

Move the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the report on other officers' reports be approved. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is unanimous, and so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher then read to the encampment the report of the memorial committee on the death of Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur, which report will be found at page 251 of this Journal.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. It does not need any action. It is just a report.

Commander in Chief REESE. The report will be received and placed on file and will appear in the Journal of this encampment.

Is there any other business, comrades, that you want to take up before we adjourn for the noon? There is a committee in waiting of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. If there are no objections they will be received at this time. They will be received. To escort this committee that is waiting I will appoint Comrade Wright and the chaplain in chief, to escort them to the platform.

Comrade WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, of Illinois. Commander, we have the honor of presenting the ladies of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. (Presenting committee composed of Mrs. Catherine H. Carr, past national president, from Pennsylvania; Mrs. May C. Bassett, past department president, from Connecticut; and Mrs. Ella Miller, department president of Illinois.)

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, I have the pleasure to introduce to you the ladies of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. This is Mrs. Catherine H. Carr, past national president.

Mrs. CARR. Commander in chief, and our fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic: I come to you this morning with the greetings and the best wishes of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. We are one of your official family, and we come here with our love to you. We want you to know that we will do everything in our power to help in every way to do for our country just what you want us to do, and we trust that you will be with us for many, many years to help and show us how to carry out your work. And on behalf of our organization I want you to accept these flowers, and we trust that the remaining years of your life will be just as flowery as they are. [Presenting flowers.]

This is past department president, Sister May C. Bassett.

Mrs. BASSETT. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army: I feel that this is one of the proudest moments of my life when I can stand before this national body of the Grand Army of the Republic and extend to them the loving greetings of our national order. I am from the Nutmeg State of Connecticut, and my comrades with whom I have worked for over 30 years are in this assembly.

And to you, National Commander, I extend to you the greetings of our Nutmeg State, in so far as you have had them from the national, and wish for you a most successful convention:

Then here's to the Grand Army of the Republic,
 So staunch, loyal, and true;
 Here's to the Woman's Relief Corps,
 Ever faithful to these Boys in Blue.

Here's to the Sons of Veterans,
 That firmly behind them stand,
 And here's to their auxiliary,
 That lends a willing, loving hand.

And here's to the Daughters of Veterans
 That come proudly into their own,
 And here's to the allied orders,
 The best that is ever known.

And here's to our glorious banner,
 And here's to the Star-Spangled Banner
 That will ever lead them on.

Mrs. CARR. Sister Miller, with a message from the Department of Illinois.

Mrs. MILLER. Commander in Chief John Reese, it gives me great pleasure to be here this morning to bring you greetings from Illinois. We are proud to see just so many of the comrades, although it makes our hearts bleed to see that there are not many more, because we know how many fought for our country. But, oh, we are so thankful that we can see still a few remaining with us. May God give you strength to be with us at our next national convention. I thank you.

Commander in Chief REESE. Ladies of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: We are pleased to be honored by your presence, and for your welcome words of greeting and love to us and all our allied organizations we thank you. Carry back to your organizations our love and respect for them, and thank them on our behalf for these splendid greetings that you have brought to us this morning. We know you and we are proud of you as members of our official family. You have always been ready to assist us in anything that we need. Again thanking you, I say good-bye until we meet you again, and we hope to meet you many times in the future. [The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the committee retired.]

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Commander, I now move that this encampment take a recess until 2.30 o'clock daylight-saving time.

Commander in Chief REESE. Before I entertain that motion I want to state that the first in order after we adjourn will be the report of the resolutions committee. Be here promptly. I also want to announce that some time this afternoon Colonel Lindbergh will be present to greet you. We hope that he will come this afternoon, but there is no time set for him. He said that if he was invited he would be present with us, and we have sent an invitation, and if he can come this afternoon he will be present.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I understand that we are to meet in one hour and a half? It is now 12 o'clock.

Commander in Chief REESE. What is your motion now?

Comrade NASON. My motion was that we recess until 2.30 o'clock, daylight-saving time.

Past Commander in Chief VAN SANT. Make it 1.30.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, we are not adjourned yet. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 1.30, daylight-saving time. All in favor of the motion——

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I move as an amendment that we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.

Comrade JACOB SECREST, of Ohio. I have a very important message here. I have been here since Sunday on a special message. I have a sick daughter and ought never to have left. I am receiving a message every day by airplane. Now if you are going to adjourn you are going to hold us over till Friday. I feel—I am willing to adjourn, but there is a matter that ought to be settled before we adjourn, and that is where we are going to meet next year. I have a message here to deliver. If you will give me five minutes, I will deliver it so you can act on it, or wait.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Wait until 1.30 so we can all understand it.

Commander in Chief REESE. Daylight-saving time. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, the same. It is so ordered, 1.30.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. The time now for convening will be 1.30, daylight-saving time.

(Whereupon, at 12.05 o'clock p. m., the encampment took a recess until 1.30 o'clock p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1929

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1.40 P. M.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. If I may get your attention now. Please be in order.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, the time has arrived to which we adjourned, and we are ready to take up any business in its order. Give attention, comrades. You will have to talk into this machine [microphone] so you can be heard. Have you been hearing this forenoon? We will try and make it this afternoon so everyone can hear what is going on. Keep quiet, comrades.

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. The chamber of commerce has installed or organized a perfect system of registration. All comrades who have not registered are requested to make their registration complete at 27 Forest Avenue.

Commander in Chief REESE. The committee on resolutions are ready to report. Be quiet so that you can understand every word they say in their report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Department Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Commander in chief, your committee had a session at headquarters last evening. They took time to give full consideration, a large attendance being present, to the various matters that were presented to them.

As a preliminary to their report, however, it should be stated that the past custom of this encampment has been that the various conclusions arrived at by the committee as reported should be regarded

as accepted when read, without requiring any special action from the house, unless there is appeal from the action of the committee, in which case, of course, any member—any comrade of the house—has the privilege of being heard.

I move that such procedure be adopted by the present encampment. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. You have heard the motion as stated by Comrade Pilcher, chairman of the resolutions committee.

Comrade LEROY T. CARLETON, of Maine. On the part of the minority of the committee I desire to present a minority report on one resolution.

Commander in Chief REESE. That will come in later.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. That is provided for in the motion which is now before you, that if at any time any comrade desires to make any exception to the action proposed by the committee he has that privilege.

Commander in Chief REESE. All in favor of the motion as stated by Comrade Pilcher will say "Aye." Contrary, the same. It is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The first resolution is to the effect that we favor the enforcement of the Volstead Act and oppose its modification; that the Grand Army of the Republic pledge itself to help maintain and stand by the principles and standards of the laws of our Nation. It was the opinion of the committee that this introduced a political question and should not be considered by us, and we move that it be laid upon the table.

Commander in Chief REESE. Unless there is objection, it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Second, is a proposal that military status be given to survivors—to persons who served upon the United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War. It was deemed by the committee that this was a matter that could not be considered properly by us, and we laid it upon the table.

Commander in Chief REESE. Unless there is objection, it will be so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Next, a proposition that we memorialize the Congress of our Nation to build in Washington a memorial war building. More or less of detail was given in connection with this, but the whole matter was considered by the committee as not proper and germane for our consideration at the present time and we laid it upon the table.

Commander in Chief REESE. If no objection, it will be so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The next was information that certain monuments at Gettysburg and Valley Forge are falling to decay, and asking that we call upon the commission of Congress who have the matter in charge to attend to their proper repair. We move that it be adopted.

(Following is the text of the resolution) :

The State of Pennsylvania, the birthplace of this great Nation and the cradle of liberty, possesses many historical shrines, and the people of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are justly proud of these sacred shrines and deeply interested in the proper maintenance and preservation of them :

One of the shrines is the Gettysburg battle field, the soil of which was crimsoned with the red blood of humble patriots whose sacrifice preserved the

Union of the States and perpetuated for all time this great Nation in its entirety, the first Nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the principle that all men are created equal, recognizing the inherent right of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and the principle that government functions by and with the consent of the people, a Nation which under the guidance of Divine Providence has in a century and a half of life become the greatest Nation ever developed by man:

Some years ago the Gettysburg battle field was conveyed to the Federal Government and has since been under the supervision of the Federal Government. It is not being properly maintained and preserved and the great memorial erected there by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is in such a neglected condition that it is only a matter of a few years until its disintegration will take place due to this neglect, while other conditions not in harmony with the reverence and respect that is due to this sacred spot consecrated by the brave men, living and dead, who struggled there in a great cause. We believe that the greatest and richest Nation in the world can consistently do no less than properly maintain and preserve its historical shrines that they may give inspiration to coming generations to a proper appreciation of the sacrifices that have made this great Nation possible and a standard of citizenship that will insure its perpetuity: Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Grand Army of the Republic, in encampment assembled, do hereby protest against the neglect of the Gettysburg battle field on the part of the Federal Government and do hereby respectfully remind the Government of its duty and obligation in this matter; be it further

Resolved, That this resolution become a part of the minutes of these proceedings and that copies be sent to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of War.

The next was information that the board of trustees and directors of the George Washington Memorial Building, now in process of erection in Washington, in the prospectuses which they have issued, they have omitted any reference to any soldiers who fought for our country excepting in 1776 and in 1917, and asking that in further publications comrades of other wars should also be included.

We move its adoption. [Motion seconded.]

(Following is the resolution in full:)

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, in national encampment assembled, have learned with much regret that the services of their comrades during the four long years of the war of 1861-1865 have been totally neglected by the committee, trustees, and board of directors having in charge the erection of the George Washington Memorial Building on ground donated by Congress on the north side of Henry Park, between Sixth and Seventh and B Streets in the city of Washington, D. C., the corner stone of which was laid on November 14, 1921, by stating in their prospectives, plans, and designs of said building that "there were but two periods in which our country was called upon to fight for our independence, 1776 and 1917," thus totally ignoring the valuable services, suffering, and great sacrifices of the heroes of 1812, 1847, 1861-1865, and 1898.

Resolved, That we enter our solemn and serious protest of such neglect and request that the quotation stated above be omitted from all publications hereafter, and a similar clause stating "To commemorate the services of George Washington, and all the heroes who participated in the War of the Revolution and all succeeding wars in which our country has been engaged."

Resolved, That bronze tablets be prepared and placed upon the walls of the auditorium of said Memorial Building in memory of the heroes of the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the War against Spain and the World War, citing some of the principal battles of those wars.

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of War, president of the board of directors, trustees, and committee having in charge the erection of said building.

Next, a resolution that we approve the opening of the doors of the national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers to ex-Confederate

veterans, and that we petition the President to recommend to Congress whatever legislation may be required to grant this privilege. [Cries of "No."] The committee laid it on the table.

Commander in Chief REESE. It will be so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Next is a resolution that in our opinion all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the widows, and wives of members of the Grand Army of the Republic are entitled to half fare on all railroads of the United States. [Applause.] However much this might be our private opinion, it was the opinion of the committee that this would not be a proper action for this encampment to take, and we laid it on the table. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. If no objection, it will be so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Next was a resolution that the members of the Grand Army of the Republic join with the veterans of the Spanish-American War in holding annual encampments from and after 1929. Laid on the table.

Commander in Chief REESE. It will be so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Next, a bill to increase the pensions of certain maimed veterans who have lost limbs or have been totally disabled in the same, in line of duty, in the military or naval service of the United States, and to amend certain statutes of the United States, to carry that into effect. It was deemed that since this was a matter of legislation it should properly be referred to the committee on legislation for consideration and report.

The next communication is from the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Georgia, telling of their inability to carry out properly the decoration of graves at Andersonville, and asking that we approve their action in changing this sacred duty to the members of the Woman's Relief Corps. We move that it be approved.

(The resolution follows:)

Whereas a communication signed by the department commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina has been presented to the committee on resolutions of this encampment, asking, in view of the few members of said department and their enfeebled condition, that the funds hitherto turned over to such department for the decoration of soldiers' graves in Andersonville Cemetery be in the future turned over to the Woman's Relief Corps in said department for the decoration of such graves; and

Whereas attached to such communication is an agreement signed by the president and a committee from Colony Corps No. 2, W. R. C., of Fitzgerald, Ga., that it will, to the best of their ability do such work: Be it

Resolved, That the national encampment approves such request and accepts the offer of said Woman's Relief Corps so tendered.

Next was a resolution declaring our desire that at Appomattox Courthouse a monument be erected to General Grant, and to make the place a national shrine. We move that it be approved.

(The text of the resolution is:)

Resolved, That the absence of a monument to commemorate the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee to Gen. U. S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Va., is not in keeping with the respect we owe to the generalship that led up to that memorable event; Therefore be it

Resolved by the Grand Army of the Republic, in national encampment assembled, That Congress be and it is hereby urged to take proper steps while a remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic is left, to erect a memorial monument in keeping with the dignity and appreciation of this great Nation, and to preserve Appomattox Courthouse, Va., as a national shrine.

The next was a bill which appealed peculiarly to the members of the committee, that every child of a veteran of the Civil War or the war with Spain over the age of 16 years who has become blind or so disabled as to become helpless shall receive a pension at the rate of \$36 a month. We move its approval.

(The bill, Senate 3528, was approved in the following form:)

A BILL Granting pensions to certain disabled children of veterans of the Civil War and the war with Spain

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That every child of a veteran of the Civil War or the war with Spain, over the age of sixteen years, who has become blind or so disabled as to become helpless, shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$36 a month.

SEC. 2. As used in section 1 of this Act, the term "veteran" means a person who has served ninety days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States and was honorably discharged therefrom, or who, having so served for less than ninety days, died in such service or was honorably discharged for a disability incurred in such service and in the line of duty.

SEC. 3. Any person entitled to receive the pension provided for by this Act may continue to receive in lieu thereof any greater pension to which he may be entitled under any other law, public or private.

SEC. 4. The pension under this Act shall commence on the date application therefor is filed in the Bureau of Pensions. Applications shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Next was an application received from the Department of Wisconsin that the Grand Army of the Republic should recognize the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic. This received much discussion. This was the renewal of a resolution which has repeatedly been before such a committee. In the past it has been laid upon the table after full discussion, and such, again, was the action of the committee at this time, that it be laid on the table.

Commander in Chief REESE. So ordered, unless there be objection.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Next, a request that we approve arrangements for a joint meeting of the Blue and the Gray. After full discussion the committee disapproved that and laid it upon the table. [Applause.] I believe one member of the committee disagrees upon that and desires to be heard now by the encampment with regard to it. I would suggest, however, in connection with that, inasmuch as our time is limited, that a certain limit of time be given to the consideration of this particular question, and would suggest that not more than 10 minutes should be given for the presentation of this minority report.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, you will listen to the minority report of the committee on resolutions on the question of a reunion of the Blue and the Gray. You will give strict attention so you will understand the report of the minority of the committee.

Comrade LEROY T. CARLETON, of Maine. Mr. Commander and comrades, the minority report from the committee on resolutions:

Resolved, That this encampment favors the suggestion coming from large bodies of our citizens and patriotic societies for a reunion of veterans of the Civil War of the North and the Confederate veterans of the South in Washington, D. C., in 1930 or 1931.

Now, I come before you with great fear and trembling, for I was nothing but a high private in the rear ranks from 1861 to 1865. I am

in favor of this proposition that has been agitated more or less over the country for the last year or two for the reunion, final reunion and gathering together of the Confederate veterans and the Civil War veterans of the North.

As many of you know, I was a member of the delegation from the State of Maine that returned to the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas the flags that the Maine regiments captured from the regiments of those States during the Civil War. That return or presentation of the flags occurred upon the rotunda at the Capitol at Washington. The governor of our State, with a delegation of the Grand Army of the Republic from the Department of Maine, went and performed this duty. It was a most wonderful occasion, a grand gathering, and the feeling of friendship seemed to permeate that gathering from start to finish, and we thought that it accomplished a great good.

Now, I am not going to take up your attention. I have seen the results of that meeting. I have seen a great many automobiles down here in the State of Maine from Virginia for the first time since then, and from North Carolina. One from North Carolina, the occupants sought me out at my little law office in Winthrop, and we talked and talked of the wonderful influence it seemed to have all over the country. It was in the moving pictures and was applauded everywhere.

Now, I found that it is absolutely true that our late opponents are glad that they failed. They are proud to be now a part of this great and glorious and mighty country of ours, and I see no reason why all of the animosities growing out of that fierce struggle should not be forgotten. [Applause.] We are one country, one flag, forever, and the issue that brought on that great struggle—secession—is dead, forever dead in these United States.

Now, I am a countryman and not accustomed to the language of cities and great assemblies, and I do not believe that fraternity, charity, and loyalty, the spirit of our organization, will be violated in any respect by this reunion. They acknowledged they were not the victors, and they are glad of it.

No; I do not sympathize with the spirit of the man manifested once when I was a boy on the farm. He was beating a woodchuck. The woodchuck was dead, and they said to him, "What are you beating that woodchuck for? He is dead." "Well," he said, "I know he is dead, but I want him to understand there is a punishment after death for woodchucks." Now that issue is dead. Let it go, and let's be one grand, united country.

I have taken more time than I ought to, but I was requested by the committee—a strong minority of the committee—to report this resolution, and I move its adoption instead of the majority report.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. I had the proud privilege four years ago of taking the old banner of Louisiana back to New Orleans and restoring it to the comrades of that gallant regiment which was so cut up at Gettysburg and again at Cold Harbor. Five of our comrades went down there from Connecticut with the approval of the State. In the State legislature of that land of steady habits, I stood up there and displayed that flag, riddled with your bullets, and explained the capture at Cold Harbor. By unani-

mous vote, under suspension of the rules, they voted an appropriation to carry it back to New Orleans; and we were received by the Allied Confederate Association with open arms.

When I presented that flag in the Memorial Hall, it was received by Capt. James Lincoln, youngest officer of the Confederate Army, and afterwards a general in the Spanish-American War commanding a brigade. He said: "We receive this emblem from you, a memento of memory. Where it came from I do not know. But the Stars and Stripes float to-day over us. Hereafter we march hand in hand with Old Glory."

I have a letter from him; it was published in our last journal of the Department of Connecticut. I wish I had it here now to read before you gentlemen—you comrades. I think you would change your opinion. There are two of the comrades present that went down with me, our adjutant and Past Commander George Tucker. They will verify what I say in regard to the hospitality tendered us on that occasion.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Of course, in presenting to you this recommendation from your committee on resolutions, all these phases which have been now referred to so eloquently by my comrade from Maine and my comrade from New Jersey were fully presented to us and discussed. We were in a position where we could calmly discuss these matters, and there were present representatives from all parts of our land who knew the interest of the various influences which prevail throughout our land; and after full discussion your committee came to the conclusion which we have reported to you, that it was not advisable for us to take any action of this kind.

In support of and in further continuation of my remarks I now wish to give way to our secretary, and will ask Comrade Cole to make a statement.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Comrades, the comrade says we have one country and one flag. When they fold away their Confederate flags and put them in their museums, I'll believe the Southern States believe there is but one flag. [Applause.]

Comrade A. E. GAGE, of Illinois. This remark—I deny any comrade the right to get up here and start a sectional riot.

Comrade COLE. When they start telling us about a war between the States—there was no war between the States. Mr. Lincoln, when he stood upon the steps of the Capitol, said, "I am here to enforce the law." He called out the troops of the United States and sent them as a posse comitatus down in the Southern States to enforce the law. There is no use opening it up again. We fought that out for more than four years. When the Southern States stop telling their own stories, when they stop saying that General Sherman burned Columbia, when they stop saying that we robbed the dead, when they have forgotten how they poisoned the water in the prison at Andersonville, I will recognize the Southern Confederacy as an extinct body and welcome them back to the Nation. But the time has not come yet. I say, comrades, this is one country and one flag, and when the Southern States realize that it is one country—we have no use for those who have a mental reservation. The Daughters

of the Confederacy say, "We know our fathers were right. They were right then; they are right to-day." I say they were wrong then and they are wrong to-day. [Applause.]

I now move the previous question.

Comrade G. H. POUNDER, of Wisconsin. Comrades, I put up this question to my Spanish-American War comrades in the Wisconsin Veterans' Home. They said to me, "You have forgotten that there have been two wars since the Civil War, and the South and the North were shoulder to shoulder fighting together; and this is not our fight, it is your fight."

Then I say, "It is my fight," and I want to tell you that the stars and bars at the head of a procession is just as disloyal to-day as it was on the battle fields of the South in 1861-1865, and the ones that feature that flag are just as disloyal in that respect as they were in that crisis.

(A comrade: "You are full of prunes.")

What do they say down there? They say here, "Our supreme effort should be directed to the writing of a true history of the war and the indefensible results. We have reason to believe and be encouraged that the forces of the conservative people of the whole country are beginning to see that our movement was a patriotic one. This has been evidenced by the official recognition by the Government of the Confederate Monument on Stone Mountain, and by Congress making an appropriation to send its Marine Band to our late reunion."

Now, then, I say, all the concessions that they get they enlarge upon so as to show that they were right and we were wrong. I say, let them manufacture their own evidence for the new history of the Civil War. Let them engrave it deep into the rock ribs of Stone Mountain. When their mountain monument shall have crumbled to dust, the principles that we fought for will still stand as a forward move of the human race toward a higher civilization, with one Nation under one flag, free—and liberty and justice to all.

Comrade A. E. GAGE, of Illinois. I would like just a few minutes, because I am commander of the Blue and Gray Legion. Will you allow me?

Past Department Commander PILCHER. No, no, not at all.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. If the comrades, when they speak, will not yell in that receiver we can hear something. When you talk so loud behind the receiver we can not understand a word.

Commander in Chief REESE. The previous question has been called for.

Comrade CHARLES OAKLEY, of Illinois. I would like to be heard before that previous question is called.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, this question has been called for, and that does not admit of debate. The previous question, as I understand it, is to adopt the report of the minority. Shall the previous question now be put? All in favor of that say "Aye." Contrary, "No."

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. The comrades in the audience do not understand the question.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade Coney, I don't think they understood the question, and before announcing a decision, it is this:

Shall the previous question now be put to the house? Shall we vote on that now without further discussion? All in favor of that say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The noes seem to have it. Now then, comrades, it is open for discussion again.

Comrade A. E. GAGE, of Illinois. Comrades—I believe I can call you comrades with the right spirit for the simple reason that I served five years in the ranks and then was promoted to a major, and at the end of the whole thing was in the State of Texas. For that reason I became very much acquainted with the conditions after the war, and I defy any man to make—or I don't believe there is a man living—I will put it that way—that has a better experience on this question than I have or a better knowledge of the full conditions.

Now, I will say right here, when you fight the individual sentiment of a section by an organization like this you are doing a very wrong act. (A comrade: "How do you know?") I am not speaking for the approval of the minority report. I am just here to state the facts as they are. They are these:

At the Gettysburg Battle Reunion 50 years after, one of the grandest events that ever occurred in America for good fellowship and communism, I attended that, and I want to tell you how I got there. Charlie McConnell went out as a sergeant of the Fourth Michigan. He was there and stood with a Union man up against a tree and loaded a gun for him so he could fire. I tell you this to show how I got there. Charlie McConnell took me there, and I had charge of one of the tents. Unions and Confederates were there, Americans in every sense of the word. At Gettysburg after the reunion was over we assembled in the hotel there one rainy day, and there we started this idea of a National Blue and Gray Reunion. We have taken that up and we have worked for it. The Sons of Veterans fell for it solidly. All the women of the different organizations that were there fell for it solidly.

We put over one of them—the monument to the women of our country—that we started there. We want to put over this national reunion. We will do it. I am not pleading the question, understand, for the Grand Army of the Republic, or telling you what you shall do one way or the other. I know this reunion will be a perfect success.

I had the honor to go to a legislature in Pennsylvania, and they invited me in their social room. I am leading up to this point for this simple reason, that we must have an appropriation for the occasion. The National Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary have approved it. I am in a little peculiar position in regard to your acts here to-day.

If there is ever one of you that felt the sting of a bullet or felt the roar and the flare of the bomb as it was coming through the air and found that the comrades, as I have, would take it as it was fuzing and throw it from the pit to save the lives of their comrades, you ought to consider this one thing—that we are all Americans to-day. For God's sake, don't do anything in this convention that will mar your record. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. As the chairman of the committee, I feel that I should make one more statement.

(A comrade: "You talk all the time. Let us talk.")

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. I talk because I represent the committee which represents every department of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is not because I want to talk, but it is my duty to do what I am doing now. It is evident to all that a question of this kind can not be properly considered in an assembly like this. Let me call your attention to the fact that all these phases which are now presented to you were considered by your committee in their meeting last night, and those who differed with the majority who were there were notified that they would be given an opportunity of expressing their opinion here.

Now, as representing that committee, the majority of that committee, I submit that all the time necessary for the consideration of the minority report has been granted to them now. A moment ago you were asked to vote as to whether we should continue this discussion or not. You, by a very considerable majority, evidently desired to have it continued. Now I ask you, after you have further heard the expression of one who may be considered as a very capable representative of the minority report, after that, whether we may not very properly now bring the matter to a close and vote one way or the other. Let us stop the discussion. You have all made up your minds. Your opinions are not to be changed by anything further that may be said, and I ask you now to close this debate and vote upon the main question and the report.

If I ask for the previous question now it will simply ask you to stop the debate now and then vote upon the main question. Now, I move the previous questions again, and in moving that previous question remember that it does not in any way commit anybody to any side of this question. It is simply that you do not want to hear anything more about it now but are ready to vote. I move the previous question. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It is moved and seconded that the previous question be considered. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of that motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Unanimously carried.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Now, Mr. Chairman, I move that the minority report be laid upon the table. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the minority report on this question be laid on the table. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of that motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes seem to have it.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Now, comrades, the next resolution, and this is the last one that will be brought to your attention before the Stewart matter, is a resolution that was handed to your chairman this morning from the Department of Maine. Inasmuch as it was impossible for the chairman to get his committee together again, I will simply report it to you with a special recommendation from the chairman—remember it is not from the committee but it is from the chairman, and may be subject to special vote, I should say. [Reading:]

Resolved, That the recommendation of National Commander Reese, in his annual report, that no more encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic be held in New England—

Commander in Chief REESE. In the territory of the New England Passenger Association.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. I am reading the resolution submitted by the Department of Maine. This is their resolution. It is subject to explanation, of course, after it is presented. Let me proceed with my reading.

Resolved, That the recommendation of Commander in Chief Reese in his annual report—

It should be annual address, of course—

that no more encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic be held in New England—

The commander advises me that it should have been “in the territory controlled by the New England Passenger Association”—

is ill advised, uncalled for, unpatriotic, and wrong; that it does not reflect the sentiments of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that it deserves the rebuke of the entire organization.

Such is the resolution as presented from that department and is now in the possession of the chairman of the committee, and in the inability to get that committee together is presented by him to his comrades of the Grand Army.

I may be permitted, inasmuch as I can not get my committee together, of merely expressing my personal opinion; and that is, that this resolution is ill-advised, uncalled for, unpatriotic, and wrong, and does not reflect the sentiments of the Grand Army of the Republic; and I move that it be laid on the table.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. This is a very important question, I am sure. Although I have heard it read, I don't understand a word of it. I therefore move that this whole matter be referred to the incoming administration, with power. [Motion seconded.]

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. This resolution comes very close to me. God knows that there is no member of the Grand Army of the Republic that has the peace, harmony, and welfare of this organization more at heart than I have, and there is no thought in my heart of bringing any question against our beloved commander in chief. But we of New England who have worked and entertained you in the past—you are here to-day as our guests—if you indorse this you say to us: “You are not entertaining us right. We will never advocate coming to New England again because we can not go one route and come home another at half fare.”

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief James E. Jewel took the chair.)

Comrade GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. Commander in Chief, I give way to Comrade Wetherbee for the moment.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I want to say, Commander in Chief—

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Just wait a moment, please. This has come to be really a question of privilege. The commander in chief when he made that announcement in his address had a reason for it, and I think we better hear the commander in chief. I think we better hear the commander in chief now as to his reasons.

Commander in Chief REESE. Commander in chief and comrades, if you could understand the correspondence that we had with the

chairman of the New England Passenger Association you would understand the reason why I recommended that no future encampment be located in the territory of the New England Passenger Association. It is this: We asked them for the privilege and the courtesy to extend to our comrades a diverse route. They came back with the answer that "We can not extend the courtesy of a diverse route to your organization. If we do, then we will have to extend it to all other organizations."

And another reason they gave, that the railroads that haul the delegates to their convention are entitled to the revenue to haul them back again on the same road.

Then we came back to them and said to them—said to the passenger association; that is, the chairman of the New England Passenger Association—that we would desire and we thought we were entitled to a diverse route by the railroads for the comrades, their widows and their wives, so that they might enjoy a visit, without extra expense, to their homes, and have that pleasure without so much extra expense. The passenger associations west of Chicago and St. Louis were willing to give us a diverse route, but none east of Chicago. And the other associations that are in the association east of Chicago said to us that the chairman of the passenger association in which the encampment was located—the city in which the encampment is located—takes the initiative, and if he will grant the diverse route, then it will be considered favorably by the other passenger associations. And still they refused.

I must say in honor to the chairman of the New England Passenger Association, he called another meeting of the other members of the railroad passenger associations east of Chicago on the 1st of May. But they came back and said that they could not give us the diverse route for even our comrades, because if they did they would set a precedent that would bring in all other associations.

So that I conclude that unless the city in which the encampment was located would first procure the consent of the New England Passenger Association, the chairman of the New England Passenger Association, that they would give a diverse route to our comrades and the widows and the wives of our comrades, that they ought not to have the privilege of the location of the encampment. It is not against the New England people. My recommendation was against the chairman of the Passenger Association of New England.

Now, that is my reason, and I thought it was my duty for the future welfare of my comrades to make such a recommendation, so as to give notice to those that live in the territory of the New England Association before they asked for another encampment in their neighborhood to secure from the passenger association a willingness to give to us, our comrades, their wives and widows, a diverse route. That is the reason, my comrades, that I recommended that there will be no further encampment held in the territory of the New England Passenger Association, so as to give notice to those that wanted the encampment to secure from the chairman of the passenger association in advance so they could get this privilege, and nothing more. It was not intended for New England, or all east of Chicago, but it was intended to bring a pressure to bear upon the New England Passenger Association, the chairman of the

New England Passenger Association, which has the say-so in every convention, as to what is to be granted by them to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Comrades, I am sorry to take sides against my good comrade here, our commander in chief, but I have had something to do with the railroads for the past 23 years, and I know something about what they do. I have brought the Department of Massachusetts on special trains to all the encampments for the past 23 years; and I have labored and labored and labored with the associations all over this country, except the far West, to get a diverse route, and they would not give it to us.

Last year, going to Denver, I had two trains of 30 cars, and I could not get a diverse route to come back except going over one line, and that was a line that had diverse routes of their own. The Rock Island has a route from Chicago to Kansas City and another one to Omaha. The Union Pacific has a line from Kansas City to Denver and from Omaha to Denver. And by taking those two roads we were enabled to go by way of Omaha and come back by way of Kansas City. But we could not have done that on any other road. I tried it and could not get it.

Now, if you are going to Cincinnati or somewhere next year, the Central Association will tell you just the same thing. It is not open. It is a railroad law, and they will not give you diverse routes. I have tried it too many times, and I know what I am talking about.

Now, I say, in the first place, I should almost like to raise the question that this encampment has no right to say where other encampments may desire to go. It is none of our business. But to pick out New England, where we have given you as good times as you have ever had in God's world, and say that New England shall be wiped out, that you will not go to New England because the New England Association happens to be the one you are dealing with this year. Next year you will have the Central, and they will tell you the same thing.

So now I hope that this motion will not prevail, and I would almost want to have it stricken out of the report, but I am not going to make any such resolution. I think it is a slur upon New England, and I resent it from the bottom of my heart. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The motion before the house was my motion. The motion before the house was the motion of the chairman of the committee that it be laid on the table. This so-called series of talks has been simply informal, that you might have further information with regard to it before the chairman called attention to the parliamentary condition. Now this rebuke—this here is a rebuke to the commander in chief. The commander in chief has made an explanation of the reasons why he made this recommendation. It is perfectly apparent that his recommendation has not anything to do with what shall be done in the future. That was merely an expression of his personal opinion. It doesn't amount to anything one way or the other. He has had his rebuke. My feeling is that after this the matter ought to be dropped and that it should be laid on the table; and I now renew my motion that it be laid on the table.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable. If you want to debate it further, then vote it down. If you don't want to take any more time, why, lay it on the table. All in favor of the motion to lay this on the table say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

(Commander in Chief Reese resumed the chair.)

Commander in Chief REESE. Thank you, comrades.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. There remains, comrades, merely one more point, and that is the report of the committee headed by Judge Willett, the committee of investigation upon the Stewart case, which was referred to the committee on resolutions for further consideration and report.

Both Comrade Willett and Comrade Coney, representing two diverse views of the case, were before the committee at its meeting last evening, and a very full discussion and presentation of all the phases of the case and all the history involved in it were made.

It turned out that the point simply was whether, in the decision made by Commander in Chief Saltzgaber and afterwards reported upon by the judge advocate general the following year, such opinion or report of the judge advocate general received the approval of the then commander in chief, Comrade Arensberg. There was no record of the approval by Comrade Arensberg. Comrade Arensberg was present and was heard, and Comrade Arensberg stated to us that he had approved it and that if the record did not show it the record was wrong, and he desired that the record should be corrected and that his approval should appear.

If he did approve it, then that did settle the question at that time once and for all, and everything since that time has been improper and irrelevant. After that statement by Comrade Arensberg, there was no question in the minds of the committee as to what was the proper disposition of the case, and therefore they finally concluded to report unanimously. Will you read the report?

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey (secretary of the committee). (Reading:)

Resolved, That the decision of Judge Advocate General McBride is in accordance with the facts, and that Comrade Stewart is entitled to all the honors he possessed prior to his court-martial.

Move its adoption.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. That closes the report. Is there any exception to be made to this last report? If not, Mr. Chairman, this closes our report, and I now move the adoption of the report as a whole. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the committee on resolutions be adopted as a whole. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the question say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried, and so adopted.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE. [Reading:]

Resolved, That the encampment which we are now enjoying has been most pleasant. The State and city authorities, the good people of the city, the Girl and Boy Scouts, the police, the trolley company, and the newspapers have done all in their power to make our visit a success. After the Rocky Mountains we saw at Denver, the calm and beautiful bay surrounding the city of Portland

was a delightful change. As we wend our way homeward we shall carry the fact that while Portland is not one of the large cities of our country it is one of the most delightful.

I move its adoption by a rising vote. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. You have heard the motion as stated by Comrade Cole, that it be adopted by a rising vote. All in favor of the motion rise to their feet. [Applause.] Unanimous, and so ordered.

Comrade COLE. I now move that we proceed to select the place for the next encampment. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It is moved and seconded that we now proceed to select the place for the next encampment. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried unanimously. So adopted. Those that want to present applications for the location of the next encampment will please come to the platform. Those that want to present applications for the next encampment will please present their cause. Comrade Nelson has an application that he wants to explain to you.

Comrade OLEY NELSON, of Iowa. Commander in chief and gentlemen of the great convention now assembled in Portland, Me., I come before you with letters of recommendation and invitation from the city of Des Moines, Iowa, to come to the city of Des Moines in 1930 for your national encampment. [Applause.]

I have letters that I wish to read to you in brief—my authority in presenting Des Moines as a candidate for the Sixty-fourth National Encampment [reading]:

CONVENTION BUREAU,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Des Moines, Iowa, July 31, 1929.

MR. OLEY NELSON,
*Past Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Slater, Iowa.*

DEAR COMMANDER NELSON: As past department commander of Iowa, we ask that you extend to the Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled at Portland, Me., a most cordial invitation from the State of Iowa and the city of Des Moines to hold their 1930 national encampment in Des Moines.

As it has been our honor and pleasure to entertain the national encampment twice in recent years, no mention will be made in this letter of our facilities and attractions for meeting all requirements, except to say that since 1926 we have added to our equipment several public buildings and additional hotels, and there is now in the course of construction the new Kirkwood Hotel, which will have approximately 300 rooms.

As before, our State has made an appropriation to assist in the expense of the encampment and we have organized an executive committee with power to act in entertaining and carrying out the provisions of the usual contract.

We heartily welcome the opportunity of again entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations, and we trust it will be our pleasure to do so in 1930.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

G. E. HAMILTON,
*Secretary Convention Bureau Chamber of Commerce.
Secretary Executive Committee G. A. R. Encampment.*

Now a letter I shall read from the mayor and the council of the city of Des Moines:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
Des Moines, Iowa, August 30, 1929.

HON. OLEY NELSON,
Past Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Slater, Iowa.

MY DEAR MR. NELSON: The city of Des Moines recalls with pleasure the two former occasions when the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in the city of Des Moines.

The tangible expression of that pleasure may be found in the fact that the city's gates are still open and the word "Welcome" is inscribed above them, not only for the national encampment of 1930 but as many following encampments as may materialize while the Grand Army of the Republic shall have its existence.

Des Moines officially extends to the Grand Army of the Republic a cordial invitation to come to this city next year.

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. MULOCK, *Mayor*.

This is a short letter from the Governor of the State of Iowa:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF IOWA,
Des Moines, August 29, 1929.

MR. OLEY NELSON,
Slater, Iowa.

DEAR COLONEL: I want to join with you and others in inviting the national encampment of the G. A. R. to hold the national encampment in the city of Des Moines in 1930. Des Moines is a wonderful convention city. The grand men of the department have personal knowledge of this fact. You may assure them of the cooperation of the city and State in every way possible. I desire to convey to them through you this invitation and to assure those in attendance that any representations made by you will be fulfilled.

Believe me, with high personal regards and keen appreciation of your service as a soldier and citizen,

Cordially,

JOHN HAMMILL, *Governor*.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. I hold in my hand a telegram from Grand Rapids reading:

The convention bureau of Grand Rapids and the management of the Pantlind Hotel combine in extending a cordial invitation to select this city as headquarters 1930 reunion. Fullest cooperation for a successful reunion offered. We hope to be honored by your presence here in 1930.

ERIC WM. DAHL, *Manager*.

I also hold in my hand 25 letters asking for the location of the next encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio [applause], including 5 telegrams urging this encampment to locate the next encampment at the city of Cincinnati. I understand there is a representative of the Cincinnati organization to present this proposition. I will not take the time to read all these letters, but I will tell you that they all ask for the encampment.

Comrade JACOB SECREST, of Ohio. I thank you for not reading the 25 letters. I didn't know that they were in existence. I knew there had been some letters sent here.

I am rather amused at our good comrade reading about Grand Rapids and Des Moines. I was at both places twice, and it reminded me when I go to your house and eat my dinner to have you say, "Come back to-morrow, Secrest, and have another meal." It has only been a short time since we have been there.

Cincinnati has not had you there for 32 years. Those of you boys who crossed the Ohio there didn't have to go far into Kentucky till you had to gather up your gun and fire. Now don't you want to come back to Cincinnati and have a good time after 32 years? I have a comrade here—I am not going to say any more at the present time, except make a little statement. Our good chaplain has received, he tells me, a few communications. Comrade Adams and I represent the city of Cincinnati and also the Grand Army located there. I will tell you just a little more after he reads those letters. He is not going to read 25.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON. Commander in chief, I have three brief communications from Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
August 29, 1929.

To the Commander in Chief and Delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic in Convention Assembled in Portland, Me.

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, one of the greatest commercial bodies of the United States, representing our combined business interests, the Cincinnati Hotel Association, our municipal authorities, and our other civic and commercial organizations, and our people generally, we urge you to hold your next convention in the Queen City.

Cincinnati is a convention city of national, even international, reputation. Our railroad facilities, splendid hotels, charming beauty spots, many amusements, and famous hospitality combine to guarantee you a successful, pleasant, and profitable convention here.

Very sincerely.

[SEAL.]

W. C. CULKINS,
Executive Vice President.

Second is from the mayor of Cincinnati:

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
August 29, 1929.

To the Commander in Chief and Delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic in Convention Assembled in Portland, Me.

GENTLEMEN: Permit me on behalf of the city of Cincinnati to join the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in extending to you a most cordial invitation to hold your next meeting in your city. You will be most welcome if you decide to come here.

Very truly yours.

MURRAY SEASONGOOD, Mayor.

CINCINNATI HOTEL ASSOCIATION,
Cincinnati, August 29, 1929.

To the Commander in Chief and Delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Convention Assembled in Portland, Me.

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of the Cincinnati Hotel Association, we extend to your organization our most sincere and urgent invitation to hold your next meeting in Cincinnati and join with the chamber of commerce and other organizations in assuring you of a pleasant and successful meeting.

We guarantee that if the meeting is held in Cincinnati there will be no increase in the rates of the hotels in this city; on the contrary, if the members will advise us in time, we will reserve our most desirable rooms for them, affording them our best accommodations without any additional cost.

Trusting that you will accept the invitation extended to you by the commercial and civic bodies of our city, we remain,

Yours very truly,

CINCINNATI HOTEL ASSOCIATION,
DAN M. MYERS, President.

Comrade SECREST. Commander in chief and comrades, I do not think it is necessary for me to take the time to tell you because

those few letters—the idea of my reading 25 letters. We haven't asked the State of Ohio to put up the money, but these men of wealth are going to help us. I talked with the committee. Freberg, the man that is on the finances from the chamber of commerce, said, "Secrest, anything that you want call on us." He said, "They have been around soliciting, but you don't find men in Cincinnati turning down the Grand Army. They will put the money up, any amount you want." [Applause.]

We have a few places for you to go. We have hotels. We have one of the best zoo gardens in the United States, they tell me. I don't know.

Thirty miles from Cincinnati, just an hour's ride, the birthplace of General Grant, and a park and a bridge to mark the place there. I have been there four times. I was there with his son when it was dedicated. The best of roads, and you can drive there in an hour and back in an hour and see all of these interesting places. We have others.

We have a \$2,500,000 Masonic Temple just built, and an auditorium in it, right close to the hotel. We have a music hall that will hold 3,000 people, and as large an organ as you have here—not as new. I don't think it is as good now, because ours is old. I confess this is the best I ever heard. And the Taft Auditorium is a very fine building. The large churches for the auxiliary organizations are right around the hotel.

I don't think it is any use for me—I don't know how many comrades have told me, "I want to come back to Ohio. I volunteered and went in the Army there." And we are here to ask you to come. I don't think that you men ought to turn it down when we haven't asked you for 32 years—in 1898. That was one of the largest, you will remember, that was ever held by the Grand Army. I thank you and hope for your support.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in chief and comrades, do not think for a moment—do not think for one moment that we are here in a spirit of antagonism. We are not. We need not tell you what Des Moines will do for you. We need not tell you that we will ask the State of Iowa to appropriate the money. It is up. It is appropriated now, and we are here with open hands, open hearts, and willing comradeship to entertain you again, and again, and again. But we want you in 1930. We made our arrangements from and after the time that the State of Ohio turned us down. We have not waited 32 years to ask you to come back. We are a corn-fed community, and we want to show you that our hospitality is over and over, and that is all there is to it. If you conclude to go to Cincinnati we are loyal Grand Army men, and our auxiliaries will be there and we will be there. But we would be derelict in our duty after our legislature has appropriated the funds, after our civic community of Des Moines has arranged for the funds, if we did not come here and tender to you our hospitality; and it is up to you to determine. [Applause.]

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. There being but two candidates for the next national encampment——

Commander in Chief REESE. If there are no other applications——

Comrade CONEY. I will withdraw it.

Commander in Chief REESE. The roll will be called, and as the roll is called each department will cast their vote, so many for Cincinnati, or Des Moines, or Grand Rapids, as the case may be. Get ready.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. The three applications for the next national encampment are Grand Rapids, Mich., Des Moines, Iowa, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The roll of departments was then called and the vote upon the places of holding the next national encampment announced as follows, no votes being cast for Grand Rapids:

Department	Des Moines	Cincinnati	Department	Des Moines	Cincinnati
Alabama-----		2	Nebraska-----	2	11
Arkansas-----		3	New Hampshire-----		11
California and Nevada--	15	3	New Jersey-----		24
Colorado and Wyoming--		14	New York-----		52
Connecticut-----	1	13	North Dakota-----	3	2
Delaware-----		2	Ohio-----		35
Florida-----		9	Oklahoma-----		6
Georgia and South Carolina		3	Oregon-----	14	
Idaho-----		4	Pennsylvania-----		37
Illinois-----	3	23	Potomac-----	1	5
Indiana-----		23	Rhode Island-----		8
Iowa-----	16		South Dakota-----		5
Kansas-----		24	Utah-----	1	
Kentucky-----		6	Vermont-----		13
Louisiana and Mississippi		9	Virginia and North Carolina		6
Maine-----		27	Washington and Alaska--	1	5
Maryland-----		9	West Virginia-----		7
Massachusetts-----		26	Wisconsin-----		7
Michigan-----		16	On platform-----	12	6
Minnesota-----	9	3			
Missouri-----	8	5		86	465
Montana-----		1			

Comrade W. E. MOSES, of Colorado and Wyoming. I move that the vote be unanimous for Cincinnati.

Comrade OLEY NELSON, of Iowa. On behalf of Iowa and the city of Des Moines, I move that Cincinnati receive the unanimous vote of this encampment for the next encampment. I have the honor and the authority from the Governor of the State of Iowa and from the municipality of Des Moines to not only make this motion of a unanimous vote for Cincinnati, but also when we come to Cincinnati next year we will invite you to come to Des Moines. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the vote be made unanimous for Cincinnati. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the question say "aye." Contrary, "No." So ordered.

Comrade SECREST. Commander in chief and comrades, in behalf of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Ohio and the organizations of which Cincinnati, I think, has more than any, unless it is Cleveland, in Ohio, I want to extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your support, and we will treat you just the best we know how.

Cincinnati is noted as a good place. It isn't wet like it used to be, but we have got plenty of water in the Ohio River.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, I want to present to you the past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Comrade Bowley, of California, who has a short message for you.

Mr. DELEVAN BATES BOWLEY. Commander in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: I will detain you but a moment. But I thought that you would be willing to be interrupted to be presented to the new commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have the honor of presenting to you Commander in Chief Theodore C. Cazeau, of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. CAZEAU. Commander and distinguished comrades of the Civil War: I stand here as the representative of the Sons of Union Veterans, to travel with your newly elected commander in chief to be, and I want to pledge to him in behalf of our national organization our activity unanimous, and with a great deal of pleasure on my part of traveling with him throughout the United States.

I want to say to you, with that name of mine pronounced Ca-zo, but called variously Cazoo and other things, and spelled so many different ways, when I was first asked if I would stand for commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans I knew that the people of New York State and the Grand Army men that I had played with for 40-odd years knew me, but the name was kind of a stumbling block. After I had received the unanimous indorsement of the Department of New York, Maryland indorsed Col. U. S. Grant. I was in Gettysburg, Pa., attending the Pennsylvania Encampment and I was fearful after I found that Grant, Grant, Grant. It certainly was a great pleasure to meet Colonel Grant, and the veterans undoubtedly if they had the action at that time between Grant and my name of Cazeau would have stood by Grant, and I would not have blamed you.

But I happened to have been born of a father born in the country, so that as I know I have thrived on the Grand Army; that spirit born in me from Grand Army atmosphere will help us, I am sure, in the declining years for me to build up our organization, and I earnestly and prayerfully ask the unanimous support of the departments of the Grand Army to the end that as I travel with the newly elected commander in chief of the Grand Army that you will all be willing to extend to us as far as possible some new candidates in the different localities where we will travel, sons of you men who are not affiliated with us.

I thank you, Commander in Chief Reese, for the privilege of addressing myself to you, and I hope to round out the end of the year one of the finest of my own career of 40 years with you men. The last time I addressed this gathering there were several thousand of you at Atlantic City when we asked you to come to Rochester, N. Y., in national encampment. I thank you.

Commander in Chief REESE. There is one part of our business that we have neglected up to the present time. That is the recommendation of the departments for members of the council of administration. Let us have a motion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move you, sir, that the list of members of the council of administration as submitted by

the different departments be confirmed by this encampment. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. You have heard the motion as stated by Comrade Cole.

Comrade J. W. PRIDDY, of Kansas. I want to amend that motion—that the nominations be limited to five minutes.

Commander in Chief REESE. We haven't got up to that yet. All in favor of the motion stated by Comrade Cole will make it known by saying "Aye," Contrary, "No." Carried unanimously.

Following are the members of the council of administration as submitted by the several departments and thus elected:

Alabama: John A. Barr, Citronelle.
 Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.
 California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles.
 Colorado and Wyoming: William Wilson, Denver.
 Connecticut: Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.
 Delaware: William Buckius, Wilmington.
 Florida: M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.
 Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald, Ga.
 Idaho: Otto F. Steen, Boise.
 Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.
 Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.
 Iowa: Oley Nelson, Slater.
 Kansas: W. W. Nixon, Jewell City.
 Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.
 Louisiana and Mississippi: John Stognar, Lake Providence, La.
 Maine: Nathaniel W. White, Augusta.
 Maryland: George Prechtel, Baltimore.
 Massachusetts: Henry Clark, North Cambridge.
 Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.
 Minnesota: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.
 Missouri: H. M. Anderson, Kansas City.
 Nebraska: E. F. Brown, Lincoln.
 New Hampshire: H. S. Paul, Portsmouth.
 New Jersey: William O. Allen, Newark.
 New York: Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester.
 North Dakota: J. W. Carroll, Lisbon.
 Ohio: E. F. Taggart, Akron.
 Oklahoma: John Powell, Anadarko.
 Oregon: Charles True, Newberg.
 Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.
 Potomac: John Middleton, Washington, D. C.
 Rhode Island: Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence.
 South Dakota: H. P. Carson, Huron.
 Texas: Max Hart, Houston.
 Utah: W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City.
 Vermont: Dr. E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center.
 Virginia and North Carolina: H. W. House, Portsmouth, Va.
 Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy, Spokane.
 West Virginia: J. M. Smith, Wheeling.
 Wisconsin: E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey: I move you that we proceed to the nomination of a commander in chief.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we proceed to the nomination of commander in chief. All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

We will proceed to a roll call for nominations for commander in chief for the ensuing year. Let me request that those who desire to make nominating speeches for any of the candidates will come to the platform.

The roll of departments was then called by the assistant adjutant general, and the following nominations were made as the respective departments were reached in the call:

Comrade W. E. MOSES, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander in chief, I have the responsibility to-day of nominating your successor. The comrade of whom I shall speak was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, October 19, 1847. In 1854 his parents migrated from Ohio to Iowa, taking with them this lad of 7 years of age. Next we hear of him as enlisting in Company C, Twenty-seventh Regiment Iowa Infantry, on October 27, 1864. He being a vigorous young man, fresh from the farm, he was immediately detailed as regimental color bearer, which arduous duty he performed with honor to himself and credit to his country.

By his valor he received suitable commendations from that noble soldier, Gen. A. J. Smith, commander of the Sixteenth Army Corps. On November 17, 1865, he received his honorable discharge from the Army, being 18 years and 16 days of age.

He returned to his home in Iowa, and was as ardent about his civil life as he was in his military service and planting his flag on the enemy's fortresses. He immediately disposed of this matter by entering the Iowa State University, enrolling himself in that seat of learning and emerging in 1877.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1878. The comrade of whom I speak is well known to most of the delegates in this hall. In the year 1900 he settled in Fort Morgan, Colo., and established himself in the law practice. He soon drew about him a clientele of all the comrades and all the widows of soldiers in that hailsiwick. For his services he made no charge and received not a sou marque for his services.

He was a charter member of Cameron Post, No. 95, G. A. R. In 1921 he became commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. He was a perpetual member of the council of administration. [A comrade: "Who is he?"] I'll come to that. He was judge advocate continuously, and he is appealed to to-day as authority on all questions pertaining to the Blue Book.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Those that speak from the platform, if they will speak in their natural voice we will understand them. When they undertake to talk too loud we do not hear them.

Commander in Chief REESE. Keep quiet, comrades, and then you can hear better.

Comrade MOSES. He was a member of the national council of administration for nine years. He has been on the executive committee of the national council for three years last past. At Denver, Colo., in September, 1928, he was a formidable candidate for commander in chief. Out of the goodness of his heart he withdrew in favor of Comrade Reese, saying that he was "more entitled to it than I," and because of that transaction our honorable comrade commander in chief was elected.

It is proper at this time to mention the departments that have been honored with commanders in chief: Illinois, 8 times; Pennsylvania, 7 times; Ohio, 6 times——

Cries of "Name him."

Commander in Chief REESE. Quiet! Be brief.

Comrade MOSES. At Denver the Department of Colorado and Wyoming have entertained this national encampment three times. Some of you will remember having attended the encampment in 1883, many of you will remember having attended the encampment in 1905, and most of you will remember vividly having attended the encampment in 1928, and the manner of entertainment that we handed out to you. Your vote, your suffrage to-day, will be a reflection of what character of entertainment we handed you and whether or not it was acceptable.

We come to-day crying for even justice only. Comrade Jewel, stand up. Delegates of the Sixty-third National Encampment, meet Comrade James E. Jewel, of Colorado and Wyoming, your next commander in chief. [Applause.]

Comrade H. I. MERRILL, of Kansas. Has the comrade nominated Comrade Jewell of Colorado, for national commander?

Comrade MOSES. Yes; I nominated Comrade James E. Jewel.

Comrade MERRILL. I want to second that nomination.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade, just wait until your time comes. Proceed with the roll call.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. It is 20 years ago that I was sent by the Department of Connecticut before this body to place in nomination a candidate for commander in chief. I presented the name of him of blessed memory who afterwards, in 1912, became your commander in chief. To-day not only the Department of Connecticut has sent me here again to present to you a name, but the auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, our Sons of Veterans, and our Daughters of Veterans. His qualifications have been well set forth in the circular, of which all of you have received a copy, as you have from the other candidates that have been presented and will be presented to you. I am not going to enlarge upon those—simply to say that he is the best looking man on all of those circulars there, and I know that if the auxiliaries had a vote in this encampment he would be unanimously elected. I present to you the name of Comrade George A. Tucker, of Admiral Foote Post, of Hartford Conn.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, be quiet and give attention so you can hear what is said.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Comrades, I have been deputed by the Department of Massachusetts to present to you the name of one of our comrades as a candidate for commander in chief for the coming year. I am pleased to stand here and say to you that the man whose name I shall give you is a young man as Grand Army men are rated. He was only 80 years old last month. Mentally and physically he is A-1. He enlisted at 14 years of age in the Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry, and after his return home he entered into the telegraph service and was made an operator. From that he entered the railroad business and went to Chicago, and by his exertions there in time became the assistant general freight agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.

He is, as I have said, a strong man. As a citizen he has proven most worthy. In the first place, on his arrival at Chicago he joined George H. Thomas Post and was a member there for a number of years. Finally he moved to Massachusetts and became a member of

the George H. Ward Post, No. 10, which at one time was one of the largest posts in this organization, having over 1,100 members. He has been through the chairs in that post and has also been elected as junior vice commander and department commander of Massachusetts.

Similarly, he has been in the Masonic order for 58 years. He is an Odd Fellow, he is a Mystic Shrine man, and he is a good fellow. We offer him to you and ask you to give him your vote.

One thing I want to say. We in the eastern part of the country feel that the East is entitled to the commander in chief this year. For the past seven years there has been but one commander in chief elected east of Ohio, and that was the one in 1925 when our good Department of Pennsylvania was recognized and our good Comrade Arensberg, who served us so faithfully, was elected.

Now Massachusetts has not had this office for 19 years, and we feel that we are entitled to stand here and ask you for your favorable consideration, and when I give you the name, which I do now, of Edwin J. Foster, of Post No. 10, of Worcester, I ask you to give him your vote and I assure you that he will prove himself worthy of the honor which you bestow upon him and will prove a worthy successor to those who have gone on before. In every way he is competent, and I hope that you will give him your favorable consideration.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Commander in chief and comrades, the comrade whom I will nominate was born in 1846 in Ohio. It is proper and fitting that we should have an Ohio soldier to preside at our next encampment. He started at the age of 16 in the Infantry; later he joined the Twenty-second Ohio Light Artillery. At 18 years of age he had been promoted, first as sergeant, then as second lieutenant, and then as first lieutenant. He was the adjutant of the artillery forces at Cumberland Gap. He has a fine military record for one so young.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1867. To him more than anyone else we owe the women's building at the soldiers' home in Minneapolis. He appeared before the legislature and made such a pressing case that \$130,000 was appropriated, and we now have that fine building, and 200 of the old comrades, their wives and their widows, find a real home in said building.

In 1897 he was elected commandant of the soldiers' home. No soldiers' home ever had a better official. We elect our soldiers' home commandant yearly, but his services are so efficient that we will have him there for life. If you would know how a man stands, find out how he is at home. Comrade Towler is the most beloved comrade in Minnesota. Why? Because he has done more, is doing more, and will do more for all the comrades of that State. He stands without a peer, and this is an acknowledged fact.

He was greatly pleased just before leaving home. When it was learned that he was a candidate for this great office, the population at home assembled and, after commenting on his splendid service, expressed the wish that he might be elected commander in chief. Comrades, he stands with an unsurpassed record. He is deserving of promotion, and therefore I name for commander in chief Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota, and ask your votes for him.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am going to nominate a comrade for the honorable position of commander in chief from New York. This comrade was selected at a caucus of the New York delegation, and by request he asked me to present his name here to-day, with the full consent of the commander of our Department of New York.

I am not going into a long history of my comrade, because he is well known. He served as department commander of the State of New York, and he also served as senior vice commander in chief in the administration of Comrade Hawk. So you must all know him. If he was fit to be department commander of the State of New York, and also the senior vice commander in chief of our great organization, I am sure he is fit to be the commander in chief.

As to his ability, it has been demonstrated by his own locality in his post, and also in the great State of New York. As to his physical ability, why he is an athlete. Would to God I had his health and strength. He is big, he is handsome, and he is a worker. [A voice: "Does he drink?"]

Now, my comrades, as I said before, I am not going to make a long story. You know that the soul of wit in brevity. You all know him. I will name him. The name that I am going to present to you to-day for national commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is Calvin A. Brainard. As I said before, his last position was in the administration of Comrade Hawk as national senior vice commander in chief. I therefore ask your support. No matter how big he is or how little he is, he is a veteran, and he is also a son of a veteran, so he has a double distinction of serving his country; and he will serve you well and ably if you will give him that distinction to be your next commander in chief—Calvin A. Brainard. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. Commander in chief and comrades, Pennsylvania presents a candidate for commander in chief—a man who is known throughout the whole United States. I believe there is not a department within our jurisdiction that he has not had some correspondence with. He has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic since 1872, and has always been a worker. He has been commander of his department, he has been adjutant general to the national encampment, and he is acting assistant adjutant general in the Department of Pennsylvania and has had that position for the last 20 years. He has been assistant quartermaster general and custodian of the records.

He is a man that has the knowledge and who knows of the wants and needs of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is physically fit, he is mentally able, and I think you will make no mistake if you choose this man for your commander in chief. At this time in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic it is very necessary for you to look closely to your candidates, see what kind of a man you are electing, one that can carry on, and I take great pleasure in presenting to you the name of a comrade whom I know will be able to fulfill all the requirements that the comrades of the Grand Army may demand. I nominate for the position of commander in chief Samuel P. Towns, of Philadelphia, Pa. [Applause.] And I wish

to add to you that he lives so near to Washington that should there be any necessity or if in the next session of Congress legislation demands his presence he is only two or three hours from Washington, and he can go there and look after that. He has had plenty of experience as a legislator as a member of the council of the city of Philadelphia and as a member of the Scotland Soldiers' Orphans' School as one of the board of trustees and as the secretary and treasurer. I know you will make no mistake when you indorse and vote for Samuel P. Town, of Philadelphia. I thank you.

Commander in Chief REESE. The roll call has been completed and nominations are now closed. There will be opportunity to second the nominations of these candidates. Now we will read the names of the candidates that are before the encampment.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. BELL. The names that have been nominated are James E. Jewel, Colorado and Wyoming; George A. Tucker, Connecticut; E. J. Foster, Massachusetts; Silas H. Towler, Minnesota; Calvin A. Brainard, New York; Samuel P. Town, Pennsylvania.

Commander in Chief REESE. The roll will not be called for seconds, but any department that wants to may second the nomination of either of these candidates. Now let us be brief. Seconding speeches will be limited to three minutes.

Comrade GEORGE PRECHTEL, of Maryland. I move that in the seconding nominations they be limited——

Commander in Chief REESE. They are limited to three minutes without a motion unless there is some objection to that. Now you will proceed if you desire to second the nomination of either of these candidates. Be ready and make it brief—not to exceed three minutes. The roll will not be called.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Iowa, represented by its delegation present here, I am directed to second the nomination of Comrade Silas H. Towler.

Comrade WALTER S. TULLY, of New Jersey. New Jersey wants to second the nomination of Comrade Foster of Massachusetts.

Comrade CHARLES L. SHERGUR, of New York. I arise for the purpose of seconding the nomination of a comrade that I believe is needed and called for the very purpose for which he has been nominated here this afternoon. The comrade is James E. Jewel, of Colorado. [Applause.] Splendid comrades have been nominated, and I love them and extend to them the warmest charity and fraternity that a comrade can extend. But there is something that is more important for us to-day to think of, and I have not heard in these nominations made here to-day the vital point touched upon, and that is the needy and destitute wards of our Grand Army of the Republic that are looking to us to-day for help and assistance. In many a cottage throughout the North there sits a trembling widow, and she is wondering how she is going to pass through the winter and buy her supplies and her coal and pay her medical attendance on \$40 a month. And we have here in this comrade a man that understands the wants and the needs of our destitute and suffering wards of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I heard the chaplain offer a prayer to Almighty God to give to us willing hearts and ready hands to minister to the needs of the suffering wards of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Cries of "Time."]

Just one more word. This comrade tells me that he wants the Robinson bill with no subtractions but with some additions, and that he believes that the widows of the men that served this nation in her hour of need deserve as good support and as much pension as some of the Confederate States are giving to the widows of those who fought four years to destroy the Government.

Comrade CHARLES T. MARSH, of Illinois. I second the nomination of Comrade Jewel.

Comrade E. C. CONDIT, of Colorado and Wyoming. It is an old and well-established fact that where two or more persons undertake to ride the same horse only one can occupy the front seat. We have here, figuratively speaking, seven persons who want to ride. I am here to ask the front seat for Comrade Jewel, of Colorado. [Applause.]

He is a comrade whom we have known for many, many years past. He has always been a very active man in the Grand Army and worthy in every respect of occupying the position of national commander.

When General Grant called for an army with which to open up the Mississippi, his regiment was assigned to that army. That was the army that fought the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Bruinsburg, Champion's Hill, and Vicksburg. They also fought the battles of Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and others and were successful. That was the army of boys made up of western boys. They were active fellows, full of ginger and dynamite, and always ready for a fight or a foot race, and they didn't care very much which.

Now that army is the one that carried that grand flag through the South. They started with it at Cairo, Ill., and they carried it to the Gulf on the South. Then they carried it eastward from Atlanta to the sea and from Savannah to Washington, D. C., an army of boys, mostly western boys, an army vigorous and active, and an army that never was whipped. The history of that army is the history of our Comrade Jewel, for his regiment, and he also as a member of that regiment, was with it, have accomplished wonders in a military sense; and I fully believe that our comrade can also do the same in an executive sense, for he certainly has great executive ability.

He has a pleasing, honest, intelligent personality and will impress himself with anyone with whom he converses. Now we can not guarantee that he will build up the Grand Army, for that is impossible. You might just as well talk about raising money by peddling peanuts in a graveyard or by selling snowballs to Esquimaux or by peddling ice among the Icelanders, for it can't be done. It is a fact that out of every 18 young men who enlisted to put down that Rebellion, 17 of them have answered the last call. [Cries of "Time."]

Commander in Chief REESE. Just a few moments. Be brief. They are calling "Time."

Comrade CONDIT. That being true I will cut my remarks short. I don't want to weary you. But I do feel, comrades, that Jewel should be elected. I ask for your vote, for he is a man representing 14 States in the West that have never had a commander in chief, and he will make a good one. I thank you.

Past Commander in Chief FRANK A. WALSH. It is my pleasing duty and privilege to second the nomination of our good comrade, Silas H. Towler. Those who know Comrade Towler most love him best. I know him well. If elected commander in chief of the Grand Army he will make an efficient, true, faithful commander in chief. He is a long time in the Service of the Grand Army, and his military record is a history that is worthy of the highest honor. I hope and trust that the encampment will select Comrade Towler for our next commander in chief. I thank you.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Thankful to Almighty God that I have been snatched from the jaws of death to be here with you at this encampment, I arise now in my enfeebled condition

And hail from Kansas, the land of the free,
Where the mighty Missouri rolls down to the sea.

where the rich and the poor enjoy the blessings of liberty. We crossed the prairies as of old. Our previous crossing was to make the West, the South, and the East the homestead of the free; and among those who made that travel was the man whom I rise to-day to second the nomination of for commander in chief of this glorious organization.

He came as a boy to cross the prairies and settled there in Kansas, remained there until they snatched from us the golden mines, the precious diamonds of the Rocky Mountains, and built the State of Colorado. He settled there and grew up with all of its glorious development. In the richness of its mountains, unexcelled by all the other parts of this continent, he has grown to manhood and to service, not only for his comrades but for the territory. In losing him we felt our loss, but we have remained friends, comrades, lovers, and serviceable citizens not only to our State but to our Nation. We have got in the productions of the soil and from the mountains greater wealth than any of the other States of the Nation, and to-day we are developing greater reserves than were ever dreamed of in Aladdin's time. And among those products is Comrade Jewel, whose name has been presented for commander in chief, an exemplary comrade, one who lives his thoughts and his mind constantly for the welfare of his family, and, above all, for the welfare of his comrades and the widows. While I have given my life entirely along those same lines, I recognize in Comrade Jewel my second and equivalent.

You will make no mistake in selecting Comrade Jewel, a name appropriate for the land where he lives in the mountains of Colorado that gives up from its pores the gold and silver that is enriching you. Now I am asking this in behalf of Comrade Jewel, who, as I say, is the richest jewel that Colorado has ever produced. [Applause.]

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. Commander in chief, I fully coincide with what past Commander in Chief Arensberg said in reference to the candidate of the Department of Pennsylvania, Samuel P. Town, but I wish to add a few more words.

I will not go into the history of his service. That is recorded in the service of the Boys in Blue during the War of the Rebellion. His record of service as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic is in the journals of the proceedings of the national encampments for the last 40 years.

But there is one thing, comrades. We have had candidates named—all good and true men. They come here highly recommended by their departments, and we have got to do but one thing. Remember, comrades, we don't question the right of any comrade from the floor to aspire to any office within the gift of the national encampment. Neither do we question the right of any department to put forth a comrade, a good worthy comrade, for that high office.

But, comrades, remember we must carry on, we who survive. Thousands of our comrades and the widows of our deceased comrades are still pleading for the necessities of life, and, with thinning ranks and waning energy, by the grace of God we will continue on with the aid and assistance of our auxiliaries. We will carry on until the promises of our immortal Lincoln have been fulfilled.

Now, Comrade Town is the candidate of the Department of Pennsylvania, not by his choice. He has not forced himself ahead. And we from the Department of Pennsylvania, who know him and know what work he has accomplished, know that he will do something for the Grand Army. We need a leader. He has had the welfare of the comrades at heart during all his life. I therefore second the nomination of Comrade Samuel P. Town.

Comrade JOSEPH H. BENZINO, of New York. I only want to come up here to second the nomination of Calvin Brainard. We all know him and know what he has done, know that both he and his father served in the Army, and that you will make no mistake by casting your vote for him.

Comrade MICHAEL B. WOOD, of New York. I rise to second the nomination of Calvin Brainard, of New York.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, we have given you opportunity to second the nomination of each and every one of these candidates. The roll will be called, and remember that you are entitled to vote just your full vote of your department provided they are present. Remember that. The roll will be called. Be prepared to announce the vote of your department immediately when the roll is called.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. Bell then called the roll of departments. The vote as thus announced was as follows:

Department	Jewel	Tucker	Foster	Towler	Brainard	Town
Alabama				2		
Arkansas						3
California and Nevada	6		1	9	1	1
Colorado and Wyoming	14					
Connecticut		14				
Delaware						2
Florida		1	1		7	
Georgia and South Carolina	1		1	1		
Idaho	4					
Illinois	15		3	7		
Indiana	6	2	3	6		6
Iowa				15		1
Kansas (Cole 1)	24					
Kentucky				6		
Louisiana and Mississippi			9			
Maine			4	18		
Maryland						9
Massachusetts	1		25			
Michigan	1					15
Minnesota				17		
Missouri	10		2			
Montana	1					
Nebraska	2		2	2		7
New Hampshire			11			
New Jersey			24			
New York					52	
North Dakota	4		1			
Ohio	7		12	15		1
Oklahoma			5	1		
Oregon	4					
Pennsylvania						37
Potomac						6
Rhode Island			8			
South Dakota			5			
Utah				1		
Vermont			13			
Virginia and North Carolina	2		2			
Washington and Alaska				6		
West Virginia	4					3
Wisconsin				8		
On platform				7	2	3

Commander in Chief REESE. The Adjutant General will read the result.

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. Jewell, 106; Tucker, 17; Foster, 132; Towler, 121; Brainard, 62; Town, 94; Cole, 1. No choice.

Commander in Chief REESE. There is no election. You will prepare your votes on the roll call to be made now and be ready to announce your vote. As I understand the rule of the national encampment, it is for the lowest man to be dropped on each ballot. Tucker is the low man of those that were announced as candidates, so his name will be dropped. You will vote for some one of the other candidates. Be ready to cast your vote.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The commander in chief desires that each department, when it is prepared to cast its vote, the comrade that casts the vote will come forward near the rostrum.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

Department	Jewel	Foster	Towler	Brainard	Town
Alabama			2		
Arkansas					3
California and Nevada			18		
Colorado and Wyoming	14				
Connecticut		14			
Delaware					2
Florida		9			
Georgia and South Carolina		2	1		
Idaho	4				
Illinois	21		4		
Indiana	6	5	6		6
Iowa		1	15		
Kansas	25				
Kentucky			6		
Louisiana and Mississippi		9			
Maine		12	9		
Maryland					9
Massachusetts	1	25			
Michigan	1	15			
Minnesota			17		
Missouri	10	2			
Montana	1				
Nebraska	3	1	4		5
New Hampshire	3	7			
New Jersey		24			
New York	2				38
North Dakota	4	1			
Ohio	6	24	1		1
Oklahoma		6			
Oregon	4				
Pennsylvania					37
Potomac					6
Rhode Island		8			
South Dakota		5			
Utah			1		
Vermont		13			
Virginia and North Carolina		4			
Washington and Alaska	1		5		
West Virginia	4				3
Wisconsin			8		
On platform		1	9	1	1

Comrade JOHN N. STEWART, of Illinois. I move you, sir, that before this vote is announced that the three men holding the lowest number of votes be dropped from the race.

Commander in Chief REESE. No, sir; the rules and regulations only require the last man.

Comrade STEWART. After this announcement, that the three last men on this roll call be dropped.

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. Result of the second ballot: Jewel, 110; Foster, 188; Towler, 106, Town, 111; Brainard, 1. Total number of votes cast, 516. Necessary for a choice, 259.

Commander in Chief REESE. No candidate having a majority of the total vote cast, it will be necessary for the third roll call. Now be prepared to vote when the roll is called. When your department is reached, please come forward and announce the vote so there won't be any mistake.

The result of this roll call, no candidate having received a majority, there is no election, and the roll will be called for the third

time. Be prepared to cast your vote when your department is reached. I suggest that you come forward, the comrade that is to announce the vote of your department come forward, and announce it so you will be heard and no mistake made.

Comrade C. H. WM. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. A great many of the comrades surrounding here can not hear and desire that you enforce the rule and make every department commander come up here to this rail and announce his vote.

Commander in Chief REESE. We are going to proceed with the calling of the roll if you will be quiet.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The commander in chief directs me to announce that each delegation will stand up when they vote. It is charged that some of the delegations here are voting comrades who are not present, and that is against the rules and regulations. Every department when it is called will stand up so that its delegates may be counted. And he also requests that whoever announces the vote will come forward to the rail, so that there can be no misunderstanding.

Following are the votes announced on the third ballot before any changes were made :

Department	Jewel	Foster	Towler	Town
Alabama			2	
Arkansas				3
California and Nevada			18	
Colorado and Wyoming	14			
Connecticut		13		
Delaware				2
Florida		9		
Georgia and South Carolina		2	1	
Idaho	4			
Illinois	16	4	5	
Indiana	6	6	6	
Iowa			10	
Kansas	14	2		
Kentucky			6	
Louisiana and Mississippi		8		
Maine		9	6	
Maryland				8
Massachusetts	1	24		
Michigan	1	13		
Minnesota			15	
Missouri	10	1		
Nebraska	2	1	4	4
New Hampshire	5	6		
New Jersey		24		
New York	2	38		
North Dakota	4	1		
Ohio	4	14	4	5
Oklahoma		4		
Oregon	1			
Pennsylvania				34
Potomac				3
Rhode Island		8		
South Dakota		5		
Vermont		7		
Virginia and North Carolina		4		
Washington and Alaska			6	
West Virginia	3			2
Wisconsin		1	7	

A COMRADE. I make the motion, Commander, that the candidate receiving the largest vote be declared elected.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I desire to cast, at their request, the vote of the Department of Minnesota for Comrade Foster, of Massachusetts.

Comrade JAMES E. JEWEL, of Colorado and Wyoming. It is very evident that we will not have an election till we have another ballot unless some of us get out of the way. I thank you all very much for the vote you have given me, and I want to tell you now I will be along with you next year and hope you will do as well or better by me. I will therefore withdraw my name.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Missouri changes her vote to Foster.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. As the sentiment of this encampment seems to be in favor of Comrade Foster, of Massachusetts, I make the motion that the election be made unanimous for Comrade Foster.

Comrade TOWLER. I second the motion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey (reading clerk). Comrade Town, of Pennsylvania, moves that the election of Comrade Foster, of Massachusetts, be made unanimous, and Comrade Towler, of Minnesota, seconds the motion made, and Comrade Jewel also seconds it.

Commander in Chief REESE. You have heard the motion which has been moved and seconded. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

Comrade COLE. The commander in chief has put before the house this motion, the motion made by Comrade Town, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Comrade Jewel and Comrade Towler, that Comrade Foster's election as commander in chief be made unanimous. All in favor of that question say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is unanimous.

Commander in Chief REESE. I declare E. J. Foster duly elected commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Comrade COLE. The commander in chief asks Comrade Foster if he will accept the election. He appoints Comrade Towler and Comrade Town to escort him to the platform.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, I now have the opportunity to introduce to you Comrade Foster, of the Department of Massachusetts, your commander in chief elect for the ensuing year. Also Comrade Foster's wife, who will be the real commander of the commander in chief for the next year. Take your seats, comrades. We will hear a few words from your commander in chief.

Commander in Chief Elect EDWIN J. FOSTER. Commander in chief, my dear comrades on the platform, my dear comrades in the audience, there are times in our lives when we feel that words are inadequate to express the true feelings of the heart. Such is my condition right now. I want to thank you, my comrades, for giving to me the greatest honor within your power to grant, that of commander in chief of the most beloved organization in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Now the time is short and you want to get home, and I hope you will get home safely. If it was not for that I would like to talk

about four hours. But I do want to say this to you: Thanks to you, my best friends, and I shall attempt to carry out what our beloved Commander in Chief Reese has done regarding the question of our pensions. I tell you, comrades, that will be my great effort, and it is what our splendid commander in chief would have done if he could have gotten Congress to have favored the Committee on Pensions. That is what we have got to meet this coming year, and I am going to ask all of you older ones to stand with me and to work with me, and I believe God will be with us and we will get what we deserve. I thank every one of you, and I will just let that go for this time. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. The next office to be filled is that of senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade F. S. PHILBRICK, of Maine. Attention, comrades. The Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic, presents the name of Charles E. Nason as candidate for senior vice commander.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I second the nomination, and, Commander in Chief, I move you, sir, that the rules be suspended and the comrade from Maine be elected senior vice commander in chief. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that our comrade from Maine be elected senior vice commander in chief. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried unanimously and so ordered, and I now declare our splendid comrade elected senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Commander and comrades, I never had hoped or even thought of having the honor bestowed upon me which you have done at this time. Knowing my weakness and inability, I have never at any time asked or sought preferment in my order of the Grand Army of the Republic, but have been satisfied to be a worker in the ranks. And now you have bestowed this great honor upon me. I promise you that with God's help I will do the best I can.

Commander in Chief REESE. Next in order will be the election of a junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington and Alaska. I desire to place in nomination for junior vice commander in chief Comrade James W. Shields, of Idaho.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade Shields has been placed in nomination. Are there any others?

Past Commander in Chief FRANK A. WALSH. I rise to nominate George Pounder, of Wisconsin.

Comrade DUNCAN J. McMILLAN, of New York. I nominate George H. Taylor, of the Department of New York, one of the most beloved and most competent comrades we have anywhere.

Comrade MARTIN V. STONE, of New York. I second that nomination.

Comrade WALTER S. TULLY, of New Jersey. I move that the rules be suspended and that the nominee be elected by acclamation.

Commander in Chief REESE. There are three candidates.

Comrade GANDY. Now, comrades, let us be fair. We have named the commander from the East, and the senior vice commander from

the East. Comrade Shields is from the West—Comrade Shields, of Idaho. Let us give one man to the western part of the country as long as you have got the two principal offices in the eastern part. That is fair.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey (reading clerk). The three candidates that have been named are James W. Shields, of Idaho; George Pounder, of Wisconsin; and George H. Taylor, of New York. The commander in chief assumes that only those present can vote. Alabama.

Comrade DUNCAN J. McMILLAN, of New York. Since there were two nominated from the East and one nominated to this office from the East, I wish to withdraw the name of George H. Taylor.

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. George H. Taylor is withdrawn.

Comrade GANDY. I move that the rules be suspended and Comrade Shields declared elected, there being but one candidate. [No objection on the part of Wisconsin.]

Commander in Chief REESE. As there is only one candidate mentioned, there is a motion made that we suspend the rules and elect Comrade Shields. All in favor of that motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is unanimous and so ordered. I now have the pleasure of announcing to you and declaring that Comrade Shields, of Idaho, is elected junior vice commander in chief.

Surgeon general is the next officer on the roll to be elected. What is the pleasure of the encampment? Those that have candidates will please present them.

I have the pleasure of introducing to you your junior vice commander in chief, who will say a word to you.

Comrade JAMES W. SHIELDS, of Idaho. I came here to this town hoping to receive just what I have, ready at the same time to sacrifice myself for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic. I went into the service when I was 15 years old. I have two respectable wounds. I have tried to make a good citizen of myself, and my comrades in my department respect me and have supported me. I have served the public for 20 years as judge, and I am now connected with the Grand Army of the Republic for good, and so are all my folks. I thank you, comrades.

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. Comrades, I have a man from Illinois to nominate for surgeon general. He was a good soldier and a good doctor since the war, and a good Grand Army man. And I will say to you that he killed as many rebels during the war as they killed of him. I am not going to give you a long talk, but I would like to see Comrade S. L. Campbell, of Mattoon, elected for surgeon general.

Commander in Chief REESE. If there are no other nominations, a motion will be recognized.

Comrade JOHN H. HOFFMAN, of Indiana. Indiana has a candidate for surgeon general. He is a physician of note in his State, and he is a good soldier and a reputable citizen in every respect. He has been indorsed by the Department of Indiana for this office, and we trust that we will receive the support of this encampment for his nomination. Edward H. Cowan.

Commander in Chief REESE. Doctor Campbell, of Illinois, and Doctor Cowan, of the Department of Indiana. Being two candidates

we will declare a roll call. Be prepared to cast your ballot on the roll call.

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. The nominations for surgeon general are Campbell, of Illinois, and Cowan, of Indiana. By direction of the commander in chief we will proceed to call the roll. You are voting for surgeon general—Comrade Campbell, of Illinois, and Comrade Cowan, of Indiana.

The roll of departments was then called, with the following result:

Department	Campbell	Cowan	Department	Campbell	Cowan
Alabama		2	Michigan	6	
California and Nevada	6		Missouri		4
Colorado and Wyoming	5		New Hampshire	1	
Connecticut		3	New Jersey	7	
Florida		1	New York		13
Idaho		4	Ohio	2	10
Illinois	25		Oklahoma		1
Indiana		16	Pennsylvania		16
Iowa		4	Rhode Island		3
Kansas	3		Virginia and North Carolina	3	
Maine		5	Washington and Alaska		1
Maryland		3	Wisconsin		5
Massachusetts		9			

Assistant Adjutant General BELL. The result of the ballot: Cowan, 100; Campbell, 58.

Commander in Chief REESE. For surgeon general, Cowan receiving a majority of the votes cast, I declare him elected surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year.

Now the next in order of business will be the election of a chaplain in chief.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I believe, when you get in the parish a good minister it is the best policy to keep him. For the first time in the history of our organization our present chaplain confines himself to the ritual. He does not keep us standing here with a long-winded prayer telling the Lord about everything on the face of the earth, but he follows the rules and regulations. I move you, sir, that the present chaplain, Reverend Doctor Gibson, be elected by acclamation. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that Comrade Gibson be elected chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of electing Comrade Gibson as the chaplain in chief will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried. I now declare that Doctor Gibson is duly elected chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Now, commander in chief, I move that Comrade King, of Maryland, be reappointed one of the trustees of the permanent fund. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that Comrade King be reelected as trustee of the permanent fund of the Grand Army. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the question say "Aye." Contrary, the same sign. Carried unani-

mously. I now declare Comrade King elected for three years as a trustee of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I want to introduce to you the wife of our junior vice commander in chief, Mrs. Shields, who will be the commander of the junior vice commander in chief for the next year. She has got a job on her hands, too, but I know she is equal to the occasion.

Mrs. JAMES W. SHIELDS, of Boise, Idaho. Comrades, I want to thank you for the high honor conferred upon my sweetheart. It is an honor that I assure you both of us appreciate.

Comrade A. E. GAGE, of Illinois. I now move you that we take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, we are through now but the installation, and there is a motion that we adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Are you ready for the question?

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move, on the contrary, that when the officers are duly installed that this encampment adjourn sine die.

Comrade GAGE. A motion to adjourn is not subject to debate.

Commander in Chief REESE. We are through with the business.

Comrade GAGE. I withdraw my motion and permit the commander in chief to decide when we adjourn.

Commander in Chief REESE. Those in favor of the motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow——

Comrade COLE. A motion to adjourn to a particular date is debatable. Now what is the use of bringing us down here to-morrow morning? There is apparently no business to be performed. The installation of officers can occur now, and then we can spend the whole day to-morrow in amusements.

Commander in Chief REESE. That would be better, comrades.

Comrade COLE. I move as an amendment——

Comrade GAGE. I have withdrawn my motion.

Comrade COLE. I move that after the installation the encampment adjourn sine die.

Commander in Chief REESE. That will be the order, without motion. Comrades, the next will be the installation of the officers, and all of you that can stay we will be glad to have remain.

Comrade COLE. Comrades, show respect enough for the new officers to remain seated until they are installed.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I desire to second the motion made by Comrade Cole.

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett was designated as installing officer, and administered the oath of office to the commander in chief elect.

The newly installed commander in chief then announced the appointment of the following officers:

Adjutant general: Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.

Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were then duly installed into their respective positions:

Senior vice commander in chief: Charles E. Nason, Portland, Me.

Junior vice commander in chief: James W. Shields, Boise, Idaho.

Surgeon general: Edward H. Cowan, M. D., Crawfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in chief: Rev. J. King Gibson, Dayton, Ohio.

Adjutant general: Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.

Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I declare these officers properly installed into the offices to which they have been elected. My comrade, I am about to present you with the badge of authority by which you are to govern and control the body. [Encampment called to its feet by the gavel.]

Comrades, I present to you your commander in chief. Comrade Foster has been selected by you to perform the duties of commander in chief for the ensuing year. He has made the appointment of his officers, who are also in attendance upon the platform, each and every one of whom has been duly installed, and I now declare the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States of America to be properly installed with the government under the management of its present chief, and I now surrender to you the gavel, which is your authority, and it is up to you at this particular time to determine the further progress of this assembly in national encampment.

Commander in Chief EDWIN J. FOSTER. I wish to thank you for performing this service. I will call a meeting of the national council at 8 o'clock to-night at the headquarters, room No. 2, in the Eastland Hotel, national headquarters.

There being no further business, we will proceed to close. Don't forget the meeting of the council at 8 o'clock at the Eastland Hotel. We now stand adjourned. [6.44 p. m.]

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES



JAMES E. JEWEL
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.



HENRY J. KEARNEY
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

FORT MORGAN, COLO., *August 8, 1929.*

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: In compliance with established custom, and in obedience to the law of our beloved order, I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report as senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Immediately after the election I communicated with the Commander in chief, Hon. John Reese, and stated I would hold myself in readiness at all times to assist him in making this administration the very best it was possible to do, and that I would be ready at all times to serve him when called upon to do so.

Once during the year was I called upon by the commander in chief to visit my own department, the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, which I cheerfully did, and conveyed to the department the greetings of the chief and his best wishes, and the work he had done while at Washington in the interest of pension legislation. I also wrote several letters to Members of the Congress in the interest of such legislation, to all of which I received courteous replies.

While attending the Colorado and Wyoming encampment I delivered the principal address at the annual camp fire on the subject of The Causes Leading to the Rebellion and the Civil War, and the Duties of the Citizen at the Present Time for the Observance and Enforcement of All Laws, which address received considerable notice in the public press.

I take this opportunity to thank the entire membership of the Grand Army of the Republic for the honor conferred upon me by my election as your senior vice commander in chief, which I shall always cherish as a happy and fond recollection.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JAMES E. JEWEL,

Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

NEW YORK CITY, *July 30, 1929.*

M. K. HAGADORN,
*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.*

DEAR COMRADE: In accordance with the rules and regulations of our revered order, I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the Sixty-third National Encampment, the following report of the services rendered by me during the past year as junior vice commander in chief.

I wish first through you to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Grand Army for the honor conferred on me by my election as junior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixty-second Annual Encampment in Denver, Colo. I deeply appreciate the confidence you placed in me, and I did all in my power to fulfill this trust.

The duties of my office have not been strenuous, and I have experienced real joy in performing them. I have been ready and anxious at all times to execute the orders of my commander in chief.

I had the honor of representing our beloved commander in chief, John Reese, at the New York State Encampment at Utica, N. Y., June 11, 12, and 13. I did my best to convey the good wishes and kindly greetings of our commander in chief to the comrades and the people who assembled to pay us homage, also expressing his regrets at being unable to be with them in person. Every patriotic and civil organization turned out in full strength to honor the veterans. The parade was one of the largest and best ever held in Utica.

It was inspiring to see the spirit of patriotism shown by everyone, even to the children. It makes us feel that the sacrifice of our comrades and the comrades of all the soldiers who have made the "supreme sacrifice" was not in vain.

It seemed as if the "allied organizations" were vieing with one another in honoring us. The people of Utica extended every possible courtesy to us.

I have received many letters from comrades and the widows of comrades regarding matters of interest to them. To all of these I gave particular attention and furnished the information they requested.

I was detailed by our esteemed commander in chief to represent him at the annual Lincoln dinner at the Hotel Manger, New York, which was given by the allied organizations of the G. A. R. I did my best to fulfill the honor he conferred on me.

I visited the Ladies' Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters and Sons of Veterans camps. I found them doing

splendid work. It is these organizations that we mostly rely upon to teach the principles of loyalty and patriotism, and to instill in the hearts of our people love and respect for the greatest nation the world has ever known. Judging by the enthusiasm and patriotic spirit shown by them, we haven't anything to fear.

I am greatly interested in the pension bill before Congress, and during the special session of the Seventy-first Congress, at the request of our commander in chief, John Reese, I wrote to many of our Congressmen and Senators, including the Speaker of the House, asking them to consider legislation for us at that session. However, we did not have much success at the special session, but I was assured by each of them of his hearty support at the regular session of Congress of any legislation concerning the pensions of our surviving comrades and the widows of our comrades, many of whom are disabled and in no way capable of earning a living. We are grateful for the aid the Government has given us in the past, but as time passes the disabilities increase.

We had a very inspiring parade in New York City this Memorial Day. It was reviewed by Admiral Stieguer. It is demonstrations of this type that serve to arouse a true patriotic spirit in our citizens. We have resorted to every measure to see that the graves of our departed comrades are properly marked and cared for.

I received a very beautiful selection from our commander in chief, entitled "The Little Green Tents," which fittingly expressed the sentiment of Memorial Day. I had this introduced at some of the patriotic exercises in our schools.

In all encampments or other patriotic gatherings where I was called on to represent our commander in chief I did what I could to convey his message and impress on all patriotic organizations the necessity of teaching loyalty and patriotism to our young people in and through the schools, especially in the cosmopolitan city of New York, where there are so many different nationalities and children of foreign parentage.

In retiring from the office with which the Grand Army of the Republic has honored me, I wish to thank Commander in Chief John Reese, Adjutant General M. K. Hagadorn, and Quartermaster General Stowits for the many favors extended to me in the past year. I feel that I am closing a year in which I have done all I could for the growth and spread of patriotism.

I also wish to acknowledge with thanks the hearty cooperation I have received from every organization connected with the Grand Army, and I can only wish them success and happiness in every future undertaking. I wish to extend my best wishes for long life and prosperity to every comrade and fellow citizen.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

H. J. KEARNEY,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LODI, CALIF., *July 1, 1929.*

JOHN REESE,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: As surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit my report covering the period from September 12, 1928, to date.

In the first place, I want to thank you for the many favors shown me, also to thank the comrades for electing me to the honorable position I now occupy.

I have endeavored to be of service to my comrades and their widows by giving advice and assistance to all.

The Secretary of the Interior gives out the information that the average age of the Civil War soldiers is 85 years and 6 months, and the Psalmist said, "The days of men are threescore years and ten," so we should be thankful that we are still living and enjoying the comforts of life and the comradeship of each other.

While our ranks are growing thinner,
Comrades falling one by one;
Let us closer stand together
Till life's battle shall be done.

At our advanced age it behooves us to be careful in our diet, try to keep all organs performing their functions in a normal way, so that we may live to hold quite a number of national encampments. For the past five years just about time the encampment meets some one rushes into print and says this will be last encampment.

Comrades, let us be careful of our health and we will enjoy quite a number of encampments yet, notwithstanding these newspaper predictions. I think in this connection of the advice given by Prof. C. W. Kelly to the graduating class of the Louisville Medical College in 1879, which is appropriate to us. He said, "Boys, keep your head cool, your feet warm, your bowels regular, and the fear of the Lord before your eyes and you will live to a good old age."

In conclusion, comrades, let me admonish you in a quotation from Thanatopsis:

So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

S. W. HOPKINS, M. D.,
Surgeon General.



S. W. HOPKINS
Surgeon General.



J. KING GIBSON

Chaplain in Chief.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

NATIONAL MILITARY HOME,
Dayton, Ohio, July 6, 1929.

JOHN REESE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: Reports from department chaplains are a diminishing quantity. We indulge in no complaint, for our right hands are forgetting their cunning. We appreciate very much the returns made, but because of their scarcity it would be an injustice to ourselves to tabulate them. Buoyant spirits are still in evidence. Memorial Days are described hopefully, even though auxiliary organizations are utilized, and in some instances even increased interest and heartfelt gratitude for those who gave their lives as a sacrifice to our country appear. It has been my great pleasure to serve organized fraternity, loyalty, and charity in frequent and even in unexpected ways. That I should be chaplain in chief of our great order opened fields of service quite beyond our borders. Indeed, I have been much impressed by the honor you conferred in electing me to the post. The Grand Army is greatly respected by our people. It has been my high privilege to represent our worthy commander in chief upon two occasions, the one in the annual meeting of the Department of Ohio as a substitute for Comrade Charles W. Blodgett, national patriotic instructor, and the other by direct appointment to carry our greetings to the National Convention of Disabled American Veterans at Detroit. A most cordial reception, together with reciprocal greetings, were the result in both cases alike. Once when in southern Florida I applied to an auto mechanic for assistance and inquired for the charge. He surprised me by answering, "I would be ashamed to take pay from a man who wears your bronze button." We are not forgotten. The memory of our work survives in grateful hearts; and it is with venial pride that we can say, "I was there!"

In F., C., and L.,

J. KING GIBSON,
Chaplain in Chief.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *August 10, 1929.*

JOHN REESE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: As required by the laws of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby submit to you my report for the year closing December 31, 1928.

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1927-----	32, 592	2, 784
Gains: By muster, transfer, and reinstatements-----	792	2
	33, 384	2, 786
Losses: By death, honorable discharge, transfer, delin- quent reports, and surrender of charter-----	7, 165	275
In good standing Dec. 31, 1928-----	26, 219	2, 511
Net loss for the year-----	6, 373	273

My dear commander in chief, I am truly grateful to you for conferring upon me the honor of becoming a member of your official family.

It was with hesitancy, as you know, that I accepted the appointment as adjutant general, for as the years pass we feel our limitations more and more and realize that we are less qualified to take up new duties and responsibilities.

And now, my dear Commander, the time has arrived when our official relations will be severed, but while our work in this capacity will cease we still can look back on the past, as you and I have worked together in the same post for many years, and I trust there may be several years yet that we may work together in the post.

And now, Commander, I wish to thank you and Mrs. Reese for the advice and assistance you have so graciously given me while I have held the office of adjutant general.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General.



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Adjutant General.



COLA D. R. STOWITS
Quartermaster General.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1928

Departments	Dec. 31, 1927		Dec. 31, 1928		Members		Posts	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Alabama	2	24	2	20				4
Arkansas	5	57	6	51	1			6
California and Nevada	85	2, 494	82	2, 049		3	139	584
Colorado and Wyoming	31	448	17	286		14	42	206
Connecticut	46	445	44	362		2	2	85
Delaware	4	56	4	52			2	6
Florida	12	386	9	251		3	13	148
Georgia and South Carolina	4	18	4	15				3
Idaho	12	129	12	137			18	10
Illinois	232	2, 668	203	2, 043		29	63	688
Indiana	138	1, 717	124	1, 306		14	30	441
Iowa	167	1, 770	142	1, 389		25	73	454
Kansas	181	1, 686	175	1, 400	1	7	84	370
Kentucky	32	269	26	149		6		120
Louisiana and Mississippi	7	56	7	56				
Maine	60	482	56	405		4	15	92
Maryland	16	214	14	179		2	15	50
Massachusetts	149	1, 809	139	1, 474		11	17	352
Michigan	84	1, 114	73	852		11	26	288
Minnesota	84	632	75	534		9		98
Missouri	67	776	51	641		15	5	140
Montana	10	114	10	82			1	33
Nebraska	88	749	76	606		12	10	153
New Hampshire	40	286	37	251		3	4	39
New Jersey	37	452	32	369		6	17	100
New Mexico	2	20						
New York	277	2, 918	267	2, 522		10	66	462
North Dakota	11	61	11	56				5
Ohio	242	3, 133	219	2, 262		23	43	914
Oklahoma	32	282	28	215		4		37
Oregon	37	614	36	559		1		55
Pennsylvania	262	3, 375	229	2, 769		33	28	634
Potomac	5	225	5	180			2	47
Rhode Island	19	206	18	179		1	2	29
South Dakota	25	165	25	154			3	14
Tennessee	11	108	6	53			5	55
Texas	8	73	7	60		1		13
Utah	4	52	4	50			2	4
Vermont	49	406	46	354		3	4	56
Virginia and North Carolina	14	133	10	113		4	1	20
Washington and Alaska	50	747	42	653		8	40	134
West Virginia	16	204	14	167		2		37
Wisconsin	127	1, 018	118	820		9	20	218
Aggregate	2, 784	32, 592	2, 466	26, 219	2	275	792	7, 165
Net loss						273		6, 373

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 10, 1929.

JOHN REESE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER: I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the national encampment, my report as quartermaster general for the term ending August 10, 1929.

It has been the endeavor of this administration to use proper care and economy, with a due regard to business principles, by keeping so far as possible, within our income, and yet secure the best results for the good of our order with the least expenditure of money possible. Our stock of supplies on hand is small, but ample to meet the present requirements.

We are pleased to say that the southern memorial fund on hand was sufficient to meet the requirements this year, and, so far as we can learn, the work was well done by the Woman's Relief Corps and our comrades in the southern departments.

I wish at this time to extend our grateful thanks to our auxiliary for its generous donation.

With the very kindest regards and best fraternal wishes to you and our associate officers and comrades, and the assurance that I shall always look back with pleasure upon the term during which I have been associated with you, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours, in F., C., and L.

COLA D. R. STOWITS,
National Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, August 10 to September 20, 1928

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the Sixty-second National Encampment		\$10,597.77
Subsequent receipts:		
Sale of supplies	\$40.49	
Woman's Relief Corps	5,000.00	
Daughters of Veterans	1,500.00	
Do	1,000.00	
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary	500.00	
Ladies of G. A. R.	723.15	
		8,763.64
		19,361.41

Disbursements:

	\$422.76	
Salaries-----	708.32	
Expenses-----	1,784.41	
		\$2,915.49

Total cash in all funds Sept. 20, 1928----- 16,445.92

To be divided as follows:

General fund-----	13,490.50	
Southern memorial fund-----	2,955.42	
		16,445.92

ACCOUNT CURRENT

Debit

Cash received for term ending Aug. 10, 1929: Balance in all funds as reported in the supplemental report dated Sept. 20, 1928----- \$16,445.92

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies-----	\$585.58	
Per capita tax-----	929.90	
Refund account railroad fare-----	49.00	
Refund from Department of Florida-----	30.00	
Woman's Relief Corps-----	1,000.00	
Interest from bank to July 1, 1929-----	334.48	
		2,928.96
		19,374.88

Credit

Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 10, 1929:

Supplies-----	246.60	
Travel-----	2,264.31	
Salaries-----	3,158.29	
Expenses-----	2,029.78	
Southern memorial fund-----	1,090.00	
General fund-----	1,508.37	
		10,697.35

Total cash in all funds Aug. 10, 1929----- 8,677.53

To be credited as follows:

General Fund-----	6,782.11	
Southern memorial fund-----	1,895.42	
		8,677.53

Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, southern memorial fund, interest, etc., for term ending August 10, 1929

Departments	Posts	Members	Supplies	Per capita tax	Southern memorial fund	General fund
Alabama-----	2	63		\$9. 00		
Arkansas-----	5	46	\$2. 35	1. 78		
California and Nevada-----	82	2, 049	55. 26	72. 22		
Colorado and Wyoming-----	31	320	20. 52	11. 20		
Connecticut-----	46	362		12. 67		
Delaware-----	5	56	5. 12	1. 96		
Florida-----	9	251	16. 60	9. 29		
Georgia and South Carolina-----	4	15		. 53		
Idaho-----	12	120	2. 60	4. 80		
Illinois-----	203	2, 043	26. 33	71. 50		
Indiana-----	124	1, 306	26. 38	45. 71		
Iowa-----	142	1, 389	20. 70	48. 62		
Kansas-----	175	1, 400	6. 00	49. 00		
Kentucky-----	26	149	. 50	5. 22		
Louisiana and Mississippi-----	7	56		1. 96		
Maine-----	60	405	4. 00	14. 18		
Maryland-----	16	179	. 50	6. 27		
Massachusetts-----	139	1, 474	21. 00	51. 59		
Michigan-----	73	852	9. 68	29. 82		
Minnesota-----	75	544	2. 80	18. 69		
Missouri-----	52	641	9. 15	23. 59		
Montana-----	10	82		2. 87		
Nebraska-----	76	606	9. 00	21. 21		
New Hampshire-----	37	251		9. 29		
New Jersey-----	32	369	3. 85	12. 82		
New Mexico-----		2		. 07		
New York-----	267	2, 522	19. 40	88. 21		
North Dakota-----	11	56		1. 96		
Ohio-----	219	2, 262	28. 49	79. 17		
Oklahoma-----	28	215	3. 00	10. 00		
Oregon-----	36	559	3. 50	19. 56		
Pennsylvania-----	229	2, 769	23. 13	96. 92		
Potomac-----	5	180	17. 72	6. 30		
Rhode Island-----	18	179	2. 20	6. 27		
South Dakota-----	25	154	1. 00	5. 39		
Tennessee-----	6	53	2. 50	1. 86		
Texas-----	7	60		2. 10		
Utah-----	4	50	2. 50	1. 75		
Vermont-----	46	354	1. 70	12. 39		
Virginia and North Carolina-----	14	100		3. 50		
Washington and Alaska-----	42	653	8. 70	22. 85		
West Virginia-----	12	167		5. 85		
Wisconsin-----	118	946	26. 90	29. 96		
Aids-de-camp-----			202. 50			
Refund from Florida-----					\$30. 00	
K. R. A. Flood, refund of railroad fare-----						\$49. 00
Woman's Relief Corps-----						1, 000. 00
Interest from bank to July 1, 1929-----						334. 48
Total-----	2, 530	26, 309	585. 58	929. 90	30. 00	1, 383. 48

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1928							
Sept. 21	1	John Reese, commander in chief, traveling expenses		\$300. 00			
27	2	American Surety Co., premium on bond of quartermaster general				\$12. 50	
29	3	L. F. Arensberg, treasurer, donations from Daughters of Veterans for permanent fund and general fund, \$1,500.					
Oct. 1	4	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:			\$41. 66		
		Salary for September					
13	5	Office expense, postage, etc.				24. 25	
		M. Lockwood:					
		For 300 envelopes				4. 25	
	5½	For 200 vouchers				7. 50	
	6	Wagner Taylor Co., insurance premium on stock in Philadelphia				15. 80	
31	7	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for October			150. 00		
	8	Thomas J. Smith, adjutant general:					
		Salary for October			100. 00		
		Expressage on trunk				14. 88	
		Expressage on books, postage, etc.				11. 55	
Nov. 2	9	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
		Salary for October			41. 66		
		Office expense, postage, etc.				29. 75	
17	10	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general:					
		Salary for October			25. 00		
		Expenses for October				10. 00	
	11	Town Printing Co.:					
		Letter sheets, printing, etc.				120. 00	
		12,000 A. & B. reports				84. 00	
19	11½	John Reese, commander in chief, traveling expenses		500. 00			
27	12	Jos. K. Davison's Sons:					
		1 dozen Army stars					
		1 dozen secretary bars	\$3. 60				

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1929, by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1928 Nov. 30	13	Thomas J. Smith, adjutant general: Salary for November			\$100. 00		
	14	Expense for November				\$59. 73	
	15	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for November			150. 00		
		C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for November			41. 66		
	16	Office, expense, postage, etc.				29. 80	
Dec. 3		Saml. P. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for November			25. 00		
20	17	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Additional office expenses, labor, etc.				36. 25	
		Y. Y. draft to Wolf Floral Co., Washington, Iowa, wreath for Past Commander in Chief Palmer				25. 00	
22	18	DeVine Printing Co., 1,000 certificates				9. 35	
26	19	Thomas J. Smith, adjutant general, salary for December			100. 00		
	20	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for December			150. 00		
31	21	Thomas J. Smith, adjutant general: Expenses, telephone, sundry supplies				44. 36	
		Janitor's services, etc.				25. 00	
1929 Jan. 2	22	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for December			41. 67		
		Office expense, postage, etc.				30. 50	
	23	Saml. P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for December			25. 00		
		Expense for December				5. 00	
14	24	Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, expenses attending meeting of legislative committee in Washington, D. C.		\$27. 64			
	25	W. F. Hambright, ex-commander, expenses attending meeting Jan. 8 and 9, closing contract for Sixty-third National Encampment, Portland, Me.		35. 76			

14	26	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Expenses to Portland, Me., to close contract for Sixty-third National Encampment, 1929		68.34			23.66
17	27	Incidental expenses					
18	28	W. A. Wetherbee, legislative committee expenses to Washington, Jan. 7 and 8, and to Portland, Me., Jan. 9 and 10		53.23			
21	29	George A. Hosley, chief of staff, expenses to Portland, Me., Jan. 9 and 10, to lay out line of march		9.66			
23	30	Wm. P. Wright, ex-commander, expenses to Portland, Me., attending meeting to close contract for Sixty-third National Encampment, 1929		100.20			
31	31	Jos. K. Davison's Sons: Jan. 17, aides' badges				110.00	
31	32	Jan. 18, rank straps				68.75	
Feb. 1	33	John Reese, commander in chief, traveling expenses		300.00		150.00	
3	34	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for January					
5	35	Etta B. Reese, secretary, traveling expenses to Washington, D. C., and to Portland, Me., and return		191.20			
	36	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for January				41.66	
	37	Office expense, postage, etc.					30.10
	38	W. A. Wetherbee, legislative committee, expenses to Washington and return, 2 trips		49.36			
	39	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for January				25.00	
6	40	Expenses to Washington for encampment of Department of Potomac		14.75			
28	41	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 250 official badges		\$87.50			
	42	John R. King, past commander in chief, expenses to Washington, D. C., to attend meeting of legislative committee of all wars					
	43	Etta B. Reese, secretary: Salary for February		14.40			
		Postage, telegrams, etc.				150.00	
		Janitor's services					24.34
		C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for February					25.00
		Office expense, postage, etc.				41.66	
Mar. 5		Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 360 bronze buttons		24.20			36.25
		DeVine Printing Co., 300 credentials					32.35

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1929, by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1929 Mar. 5	43	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for February			\$25. 00		
6	45	Expense for February John A. Barr, Citronelle, Ala.: Amount refunded for overpayment of tax, \$9; should have been 63 cents; general fund, \$8.37.				\$5. 00	
9	46	Etta B. Reese, secretary, filing case and on charges for same				32. 30	
14	47	C. W. Blodgett, national patriotic instructor, sundry expenses				5. 00	
16	48	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, on account of services on books and accounts			150. 00		
18	49	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, for bronze buttons	\$115. 80				
26	50	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for March			150. 00		
29	51	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general: General Orders, No. 3, postage, etc				29. 75	
		Telegrams, etc				5. 14	
		Janitor service				23. 75	
		George Bros., gold seals and fasteners				5. 40	
Apr. 2	53	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for March			41. 66		
		Office expense, postage, etc				32. 50	
4	54	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for March			25. 00		
		Expense for March				5. 00	
8	55	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, salary for March			100. 00		
9	56	John Reese, commander in chief, traveling expense		\$500. 00			
12	57	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 62 rank straps	15. 50				
19	58	DeVine Printing Co., 300 letterheads				4. 00	
	59	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, for silk flag, 5 by 8, sent to Comrade Dutton, Molokai, Hawaii, by order of national encampment				25. 00	
30	60	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, salary for April			100. 00		
	61	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for April			150. 00		

30	62	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general: General Orders, No. 4				25. 25	
	63	Supplies, janitor service, etc				28. 54	
	64	Frank O. Cole, expenses attending encampment of Department of Massachusetts	25. 40				
30	65	Edwin J. Foster, expenses attending encampment of Departments of Rhode Island and New Hampshire	19. 68				
	66	K. R. A. Flood, editing Journal of Sixty-second National Encampment and expenses in connection with same				210. 95	
		DeVine Printing Co., 1,000 letterheads for commander in chief				4. 35	
	67	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for April		41. 66			
	68	Office expense, postage, etc				31. 00	
		Moses Hirshberg, adjutant general, Department of Virginia and North Carolina					\$300. 00
	69	B. F. Bashor, adjutant general Department of Tennessee					150. 00
	70	I. A. Spencer, adjutant general Department of Florida					50. 00
	71	John W. Howder, adjutant general, Department of Georgia and South Carolina					300. 00
	72	J. S. Ewing, adjutant general Department of Texas					50. 00
	73	John Pierce, adjutant general, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi					70. 00
May 7	74	John Barr, adjutant general Department of Alabama					50. 00
	75	John H. Hays, quartermaster general Department of Arkansas					120. 00
	76	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for April		25. 00			
9	77	M. Lockwood, 250 envelopes				2. 25	
20	78	P. H. Coney, past department commander, expenses attending encampment of Department of Oklahoma					
27	79	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, salary for May	32. 92		100. 00		
	80	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for May			150. 00		
29	81	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, expenses for May				28. 98	
31	82	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for May		41. 67			
		Office expense, postage, etc				31. 50	
June 7	83	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for May		25. 00			
		Postage and electrotpe cuts				10. 88	

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1929, by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1929							
June 18	84	George Hosley, chief of staff, expenses attending encampment of Department of Maine-----		\$17.55			
19	85	W. A. Wetherbee, assistant adjutant general, expenses attending encampment of Connecticut-----		25.09			
21	86	New England Passenger Association, 30,000 identification certificates-----				\$69.50	
24	87	Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief, expenses attending encampment of Department of Pennsylvania-----		16.99			
	88	David N. Foster, national council, expenses attending encampment of Department of Michigan-----		17.72			
29	89	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, salary for June-----			\$100.00		
	90	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for June-----			150.00		
July 1	91	Etta B. Reese, secretary, expenses to Washington and return-----		121.50			
	92	J. King Gibson, chaplain, expenses attending World War convention at Detroit, June 23-----		24.84			
2	93	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for June-----			41.67		
		Office expense, postage, etc-----				31.00	
	94	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, expenses packing and sending out 28,800 identification certificates-----				15.86	
10	95	Samuel T. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for June-----			25.00		
	96	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, expense for June-----				18.90	
	97	Etta B. Reese, secretary, salary for July-----			150.00		
	98	Melvin K. Hagadorn, adjutant general, salary for July-----			100.00		
	99	Expense for July-----				29.88	
	100	The Custer County Chief, General Orders, Nos. 3 and 4, envelopes, letter sheets, printing, etc., for commander in chief-----					
	101	Etta B. Reese, secretary, expenses of trip with commander in chief to Pacific coast and the West-----		153.80		326.68	

102		M. Lockwood, for 100 No. 10 envelopes					2. 00	
103		John P. Risley, assistant adjutant general, expenses attending encampment of Department of Missouri		29. 26				
104		C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for July				41. 66	32. 00	
105		Office expense, postage, etc						
		Henry A. Johnson, surgeon general, expense attending encampment of Department of New Jersey, June 26, 27, 28		15. 02				
106	Aug. 5	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, past commander in chief badges for Comrade Pilcher					2. 50	
107	5	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for July				25. 00	5. 00	
		Expenses for July						
		Total	\$246. 60	2, 664. 31	3, 158. 29	2, 029. 78	\$1, 090. 00	
		Total general fund					1, 508. 37	

Supplies on hand, purchased, and remaining on hand for the year ending July 20, 1929

Supplies	On hand July 31, 1928	Purchased as per contract	To be ac- counted for	Issued	On hand July 20, 1929
Rules and regulations-----	1, 385	-----	1, 385	62	1, 323
Rituals-----	117	-----	117	44	73
Officers' cards-----	619	-----	619	37	582
Service books-----	347	-----	347	49	298
Odes-----	850	-----	850	-----	850
Applications-----	1, 065	-----	1, 065	240	325
Leaves of absence-----	721	-----	721	-----	721
Transfers-----	603	-----	603	120	483
Discharges-----	696	-----	696	-----	696
Post charters-----	162	-----	162	1	161
Descriptive books-----	48	-----	48	3	45
Blue books-----	14	-----	14	-----	14
Badges-----	490	450	940	568	372
Rank straps-----	528	361	889	185	704
Buttons-----	781	2, 000	2, 781	801	1, 980
Ribbons-----yards-----	39. 5	-----	39. 5	3. 5	36
Electrotypes-----	18	3	21	2	19
Comrades at large-----	-----	1, 000	1, 000	85	915
Cost-----	\$431. 28	\$442. 98	\$874. 26	\$531. 20	\$343. 06

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Account of Dr. Louis F. Arensberg, treasurer of the permanent fund, Grand Army of the Republic, for period from August 14, 1928, to August 14, 1929

SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH

1929			
Aug.	14	4½ per cent Cleveland school bonds-----	\$4, 000. 00
		4½ per cent corporation stock, city of New York-----	17, 000. 00
		4 per cent city of Philadelphia municipal loans-----	9, 800. 00
		6 per cent Henry M. Flaherty, mortgage-----	1, 500. 00
Total-----			32, 300. 00

INCOME

1928			
Aug.	14.	To balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh-----	\$3, 401. 07
	21.	To interest Cleveland school bonds-----	\$90. 00
Sept.	15.	To interest United States Liberty loan-----	31. 88
Oct.	15.	To cash deposited-----	1, 500. 00
Nov.	1.	To interest New York City corporation stock---	382. 50
1929			
Jan.	2.	To interest Philadelphia municipal loans-----	196. 00
Feb.	20.	To interest Cleveland school bonds-----	90. 00
Mar.	11.	To interest Henry M. Flaherty, mort- gage-----	\$45. 00
		Less accrued interest in repurchase-----	1. 75
			43. 25
May	1.	To interest New York City corporation stock---	382. 50
June	29.	To interest Philadelphia municipal loan-----	50. 00
July	1.	Do-----	146. 00
		To interest on daily balances for the year in the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh-----	99. 06
			3, 011. 19
			6, 412. 26

EXPENDITURES

1929			
Feb.	18.	Check drawn against account-----	\$12. 50
Aug.	14.	By 5 per cent the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for collection of interest-----	63. 31
			75. 81
Cash balance on deposit with the Union Trust Co. of Pitts- burgh-----			6, 336. 45

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
L. F. ARENSBERG,
Trustee and Treasurer.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to August 14, 1929, showing \$32,300 in securities and \$6,336.45 cash on deposit with this company, is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
By W. W. GRINSTEAD, Trust Officer.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

TAMA, IOWA, *August 20, 1929.*

Comrade JOHN REESE,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.
Broken Bow, Nebr.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I herewith submit my report as judge advocate general.

I

A number of letters have been received during the current year as regards the disposition to be made by survivors of disbanded Grand Army posts as regards their charters, records, and personal property belongings, and I have written them that in the absence of any law of their department to the contrary, the survivors can dispose of such property at will, and suggested that such articles, as charters, pictures, records, etc., could be deposited in public libraries, schools, or historical societies for preservation, thereby in some degree perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

II

Questions have arisen pertaining to the conduct of superior officers in the management of the affairs of our auxiliary societies, concerning which the Grand Army of the Republic has no jurisdiction to directly determine, except in an advisory capacity, and no official record is made of such instances in this report.

III

In the matter of the dispute between contending factions of James C. Beecher Post, No. 22, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, G. A. R., I beg leave to report:

That I have examined the papers and correspondence pertaining to this dispute, which are quite lengthy, and state the situation as follows, to wit: From the record it appears that said James C. Beecher Post, the Woman's Relief Corps, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and perhaps the Sons of Union Veterans, are the joint owners of real estate and personal property used jointly by the said post and auxiliary organizations. It appears that the control of said property is given to a board of trustees, comprised of a member from each organization.



JAMES W. WILLETT
Judge Advocate General.



W. C. CALLAND
Inspector General.

The record fails to show how the legal title to the real estate is vested, whether direct by the joint organizations, or by a trustee or trustees. It does not appear that either of the organizations is incorporated.

The key to the post room is retained by a trustee, who, it is claimed by one faction of the post, has been deposed and his successor elected, and an information is filed against the outgoing trustee for wrongful detention of the key in question. Much of the dispute is founded on the use of the post room and appurtenances for social parties and dances.

The commander in chief is appealed to for settlement of these disputes. He has advised the contending bodies to peacefully settle their disputes, and suggested that the faction in possession change the lock and abandon their prosecution for the wrongful detention of the key; but there is no peace. Finally, the commander in chief advises them to appeal to the civil courts to settle their differences if they can not agree on a settlement. But there is no peace.

The matter is now submitted by the commander in chief to the judge advocate general for an

OPINION

It is evident from the facts in this case that the commander in chief and the national encampment have no authority or jurisdiction to determine the rights of property involved herein.

It is my opinion, as judge advocate general, that if James C. Beecher Post, No. 22, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, G. A. R. and allied societies having a vested interest in the joint property in question can not mutually agree among themselves as regards the use or disposition of said property, that neither the National or State department, G. A. R., can lawfully determine such rights for the parties in interest, and there is no alternative left to them but an appeal to the courts to protect their rights.

IV

At the Sixty-second Department Encampment of Ohio, G. A. R., the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That every veteran who has a membership in some post in Ohio shall be, from the passage of this resolution, entitled to a membership in the encampment of 1929 and future encampments and allowed to vote.

The validity and force of said resolution as adopted was subsequently submitted to Judge J. S. Kimbrough, judge advocate general, Department of Ohio, for his opinion thereon, and he rendered the following decision:

This resolution would allow posts that had neglected or refused to elect delegates to send as many representatives as it had members, which would be unfair, unreasonable, and a violation of the rules and regulations.

The resolution does not seek to amend or repeal any rule and is, in my opinion, void. I would suggest that posts proceed with the annual election as heretofore.

The matter is presented to the commander in chief by Comrade Charles W. Blodgett, national patriotic instructor, for review, and is submitted to national judge advocate general for his opinion on the subject; hence the following

OPINION

Assuming jurisdiction to determine the question thus submitted, the decision of Judge Advocate J. S. Kimbrough is found to be correct, in that the resolution in question "does not seek to amend or repeal any rule," and without formal action to repeal or amend the existing rule then in force the resolution is void and the decision is affirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. WILLETT,
Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.

JOHN REESE,

Commander in Chief G. A. R.:

Please find my brief report.

You will recall that in ancient times in Egypt the workmen were required to make "brick without straw." I need not say that their work was not satisfactory.

The inspector general is expected to have before him the reports of department inspectors. But lo, they were not. Not a single department reported that any of the posts in the State departments had held an inspection and reported the same. The fact is this feature in the various departments has proven unsatisfactory, because of the decimation in numbers. They can not be rallied in sufficient numbers to inspect. The State departments depend upon the adjutant general for the general information relative to the various posts. Writing to the department inspectors, they answer "nothing to report." The States of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Missouri were the only ones who presented reports, and their material was gathered largely from the adjutants general. New York reports number members in good standing as 879. Missouri reports 664. Letters from the departments, however, adjutants general show that the State departments are making active efforts to maintain status quo. The greatest activity in the various departments is manifested at the memorial exercises in May. Even feeble comrades manage to attend these exercises in goodly numbers.

We may recognize that the days of reviews are past. Most Departments have been compelled to abandon the parade. But comrades have not lost their interest in the Grand Army and struggle to keep agoing.

We were much pleased at the activity of the commander in chief and the Grand Army committee in their gallant effort to get action in favor of our noble widows and feeble comrades.

We feel confident that their efforts will yet prove effective in the present Congress.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. CALLAND,
Inspector General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

CINCINNATI, OHIO, *July 19, 1929.*

JOHN REESE,

Commander in Chief, G. A. R., Broken Bow, Nebr.

DEAR COMMANDER: I am glad to report to you that I have been in communication with nearly every department instructor during the year. To some I have written several letters and to all one and two letters.

I have received the final reports from 27 departments, very few were made out on blanks. Some were two to four pages in length. It would be impossible to make a report in detail. If I would attempt to give even a part of the difficulties, it would make a good size booklet. There is, however, in every report an optimism that is inspiring. Some of the departments are very weak, especially in the South. The few posts there are in faith carrying on.

The appeal going out from this office for observance of Flag Day, June 14, and what Flag Day stood for, its origin, and appeal to every loyal citizen to display the flag on the 14th day of June from sunrise to sunset met with a hearty response. Possibly not for years has there been such a wide observance. The reports from the Southern States spoke of its general observance. In the Northern States exercises were held in the schools. Many of the posts assisted by the women's organizations held a public meeting on the 13th or the Sunday previous with a good program.

The Grand Army as an organization is still going strong on patriotism.

We have sought this year to cooperate with other patriotic organizations and the results have been phenomenal. From this office has gone all over the Nation that patriotism does not mean war but lasting peace.

With every other line of work there has been advancement even in some of the weakest posts. Our trouble to-day is there are too many comrades that are appointed department and post instructors as a compliment. When one is found that is enthused with the office and its work and possibilities, the results are wonderful in a general way.

We need to do more work among foreigners. In our cities we have the American houses and the education carried on by some posts and the organizations connected therewith would call for a good long chapter.

As I give to you this report (not in detail but in generalities), permit me to say there is much work yet to be done by the Grand Army of the Republic. Whilst our comrades are rapidly passing, our special work still lingers.



CHARLES W. BLODGETT
National Patriotic Instructor.

If every commissioner of education would do as Walter E. Ranger, of Providence, the loyal and efficient commissioner of Rhode Island, the result would be glorious. Perhaps if every department commander would write a letter to him and ask him for his last program and inclose 5 cents to pay postage, he might send a copy, for the last issue was 88,000. In the closing of his foreword, Mr. Ranger gave the following fine sentiments:

If the public schools are to fulfill their civic mission, if they are to make better communities, better commonwealths, a better Republic, as many believe they will, they must be kept on a high plane of civic intelligence and morality and devotion to the public welfare. In the common citizenship of the schools, loyalty of teacher and pupil to school is loyalty to country. Obedience, love of order, respect for law and rules of conduct, doing tasks, fulfilling duties, regard for rights of others, good will, kindness, fairness, tolerance, helpfulness, love of truth, sense of honor, and a brave spirit are qualities of a good citizen in school or country. The practice of these civic virtues means loyalty to school and marks the patriot.

As our public schools freely offer an education common to all, so Grand Army Flag Day has been appointed for all the children and youth of our schools. However varied are the relations and advantages of individuals, the Constitution of the United States guarantees to everyone, in a citizenship common to all, the blessings of life, liberty, and the enjoyment of rightful possessions. May the school be loyal to these civic principles.

Years ago Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in an address said:

1. Our flag means all that our fathers meant in the Revolutionary War.
2. It means all that the Declaration of Independence meant.
3. It means justice.
4. It means liberty.
5. It means happiness.
6. Our flag carries American ideas, American history, and American feelings.
7. Every color means liberty.
8. Every thread means liberty.
9. Every star and stripe means liberty.
10. Forget not what it means.
11. And for the sake of its ideas, be true to your country's flag.

Commander Reese, your influence and work and enthusiasm has been felt all over the Nation and this has helped your national instructor amazingly in his work. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with you.

YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

Your flag and my flag and how it flies to-day
 In your land and my land and half a world away;
 Rose red and blood red its stripes forever stream.
 Snow white and soul white the good forefathers dream;
 Sky blue and true blue with stars that gleam aright
 A gloried guerdon of the day, a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag and Oh, how much it holds
 Your land and my land secure beneath its folds;
 Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight,
 Sun kissed and wind tossed, the red, and blue, and white.
 The one flag, the great flag, the flag for me and you,
 Glorified, all else beside, the red, and white and blue.

CHARLES W. BLODGETT,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

LINCOLN, NEBR., *August, 1929.*

JOHN REESE.

DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I have the honor to submit my brief report as your appointee. The duties assigned to the assistant adjutant general have been limited, hence not much to report.

I want to thank you for the honor conferred on me, and of the many subordinate positions assigned me, none have been so highly appreciated.

You have assigned two details worthy of mention. On January 7, 1929, the Veterans of Foreign Wars held their encampment in Lincoln, and their State commander extended you an invitation to be present as a guest of their organization at a banquet in honor of their commander in chief, and the disappointment of your inability to be present was keenly felt. As your representative, I expressed your regrets and extended the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, giving a brief outline of our patriotic order and what we stood for—better citizenship.

On April 17, Mrs. Rassmussen, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Nebraska, presented two beautiful bronze tablets to the State of Nebraska to be placed in memorial. These tablets gave General Logan's first Memorial Day general order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and were accepted by Gov. A. J. Weaver on behalf of the State of Nebraska. I was again called to represent the commander in chief and extended greetings, etc. Hon. E. J. Burkett gave the principal address on this occasion.

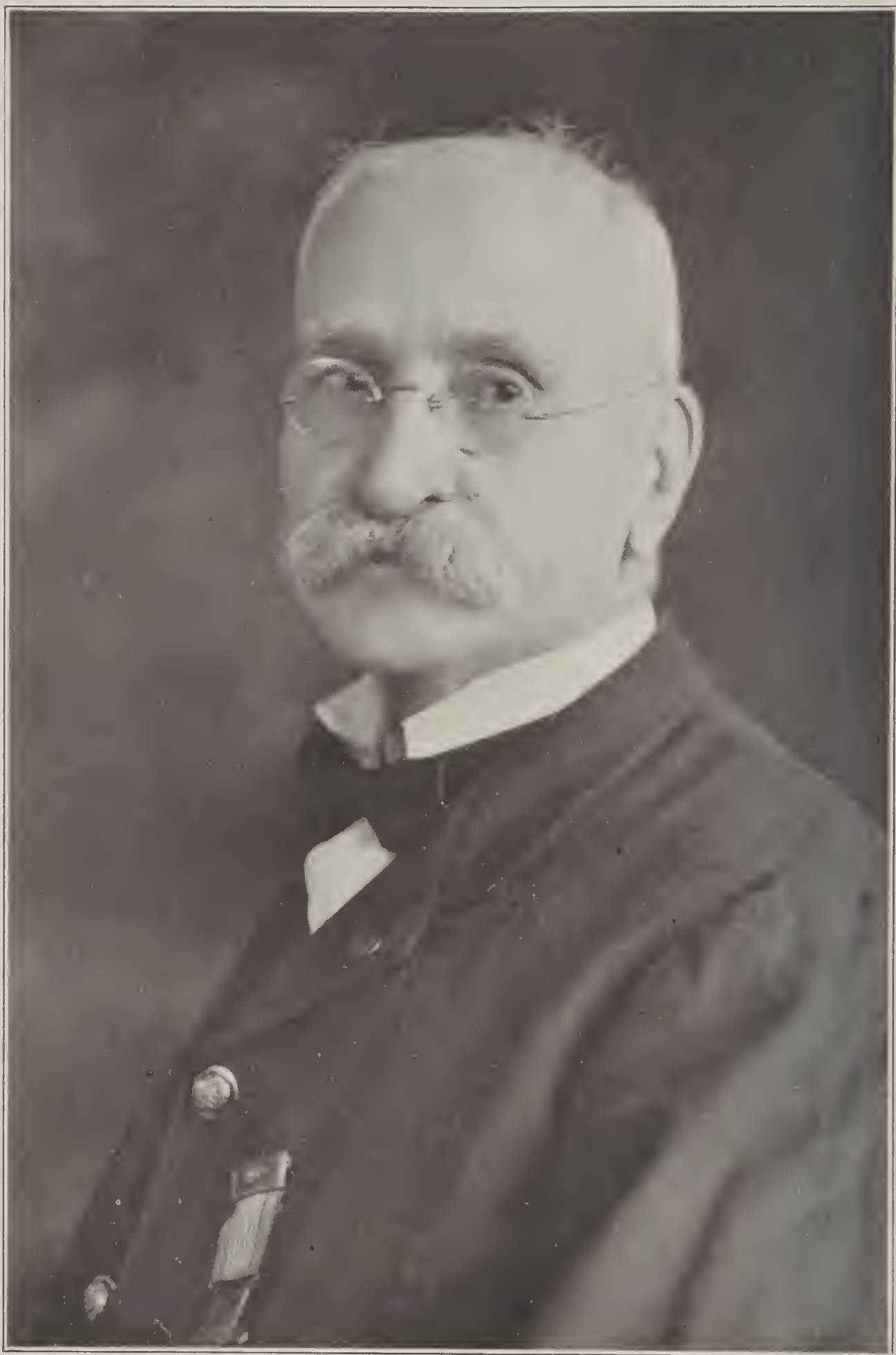
I want to thank you again for the honor conferred on me and when your encampment will close at Portland, Me., you can say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have obeyed all orders from headquarters, as you did during the war."

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

O. C. BELL,
Assistant Adjutant General.



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SAMUEL P. TOWN
Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARtermaster GENERAL AND
CUSTODIAN

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 20, 1929.

Comrade MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit my report as assistant quartermaster general and custodian.

I have purchased all supplies and forwarded all requisitions made by the several departments during the year under the supervision of the quartermaster general, full schedules of which will appear in the report of the quartermaster general, together with the amount of supplies remaining on hand.

There have been printed and distributed to the several departments the following "free blanks":

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	4, 930
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I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief and to convey to you and to Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits my thanks for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

SOMERVILLE, MASS., *August 19, 1929.*

Comrade MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.

MY DEAR COMRADE: For the thirteenth time I comply with the custom that has been followed for years, and herewith submit my report as chief of staff. Owing to the bulk of the work of the chief of staff coming from now on until after the national encampment, formation and parade, charge of transportation, and other minor details which come at the time of the national encampment, there is but little for me to report at the present time. I have strictly obeyed orders and filled all details as far as possible. I had the pleasure of accompanying the commander in chief and other national officers to Portland, Me., in January to meet the citizens committee to make arrangements for the Sixty-third National Encampment. Also had the pleasure of representing the commander in chief at the Department of Maine, G. A. R., Encampment June 11 and 12, where I received a most cordial welcome, not only from the comrades but from all allied organizations. On August 8 I was again in Portland and laid out the line of formation and parade. Was met by the president and secretary of the citizens committee, went over the entire length of the parade, and attended to other details. I take this opportunity to again most gratefully acknowledge the great honor conferred upon me by our present commander in chief in appointing me his chief of staff.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,
National Chief of Staff, Grand Army of the Republic.



GEORGE A. HOSLEY
Chief of Staff.



CHARLES E. NASON
Senior Aide-de-Camp.

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

PORTLAND, ME., August 5, 1929.

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,
Broken Bow, Nebr.

DEAR COMRADE HAGADORN: I am in receipt of your favor of the 1st requesting my report as senior aide-de-camp.

I have no report to make other than that I have kept constantly in touch with the arrangements for the Sixty-third National Encampment to be held in Portland September next, and it gives me pleasure to state that they are being taken care of in an efficient manner by the executive committee of the Department of Maine.

No demands have been made upon me by the commander in chief, and I have received no reports from the other aides-de-camp in this department.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

C. E. NASON,
Senior Aide-de-Camp

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

BOSTON, MASS., August 1, 1929.

Comrade JOHN REESE,
*Commander in Chief, and Members of the Sixty-third
National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic.*

In behalf of the committee on legislation and as its chairman, I have the honor to submit the following report:

At the Sixty-second National Encampment, held in Denver, on recommendation of Commander in Chief Hawk, the following motion received the unanimous vote of the encampment:

That Congress be asked for legislation granting an increase to \$72 per month for all veterans of the Civil War now receiving \$65; \$150 for all veterans who are totally blind; and \$50 per month for all widows of Civil War veterans.

The committee was instructed accordingly.

Such a request was made, and a bill was prepared and presented to Congress by Senator Robinson of Indiana.

From the start our honored commander in chief assumed the leadership of the proceedings of the committee, and no one could have worked more diligently, more zealously, or more untiringly to secure the passage of such a bill than he has done, and he is entitled to receive the thanks of this encampment for the efforts he has made to carry out its wishes.

On January 8 a meeting of the legislative committee was called in Washington. In addition to the commander in chief and chairman those present were Past Commanders in Chief John R. King and Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, Comrade H. A. Johnson, and Mary M. North; Past Commander in Chief Van Sant being in California, was unable to meet with us. A hearing was arranged with the Pensions Committee, at which there was a goodly attendance of its members, and we were cordially received.

Commander in Chief Reese presented the wishes of the veterans in a plain but forcible manner and was followed by other members of our committee.

The Pensions Committee expressed their sympathy and approval of the bill, now known as the Robinson bill, but at the same time stated that as a pension increase had been passed by the Congress, then in session, it was very doubtful if it would favorably consider a second request.

The committee recognized the force of this barrier to our success but did not weaken.

On January 25, in company with the commander in chief, the chairman called on the President, by whom we were pleasantly greeted.

We presented our appeal to him as strongly as possible, but his response was similar to that which had been given us by the Pension Committee, that we ought not to expect a second increase from the same session of Congress, the first petition having been granted and signed by the President only six or seven months previous. Recognizing the futility of further action at that time, nothing more was done until the assembling of a special session of Congress in April. The same bill was presented to the special session by Senator Robinson, but it was decided by Congress that no other business than that for which the session was called should be considered. No pension committee was appointed by the new Congress, and as a matter of course no legislation could be had. Meantime letters had been sent to each Senator and Representative, and in every case the replies expressed favorable consideration on their part when the matter came before them. Still strong in our hope that some favorable action may be obtained, an attempt will be made to obtain the granting of our request when Congress meets after the summer session, but should that plan fail your committee is of the opinion that when the next Congress convenes in December, while we have not been able to accomplish our desires thus far, the work of the next committee will be rewarded by the increase being made, and that the work of this committee will have had a tendency to have helped to bring about a favorable result.

Respectfully submitted.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Chairman Committee on Legislation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1929, IN THE EASTLAND
HOTEL, PORTLAND, ME.**

The executive committee of the national council of administration convened at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 9, 1929, at national headquarters in the Eastland Hotel, Portland, Me., Commander in Chief John Reese presiding.

In addition to the commander in chief the following members of the committee were present:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief James E. Jewel.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Comrade W. H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio.

Commander in Chief REESE. We will call the meeting to order, and whatever is on the program we will undertake to dispose of.

Comrade TOWLER. I wish to report to the executive committee that the auditing committee met yesterday and audited the books of the quartermaster general. We found everything in order and found that \$1,500 had been drawn from the general fund and another item of \$500 from the general fund, and that there was something over \$8,000—I haven't got the figures with me—still on hand. Of that about \$1,900 is in the southern memorial fund and the balance is in the general fund. That is the report concerning the quartermaster's books, and I will say further that they are kept in fine shape. Comrade Stowits has a very competent bookkeeper, unusually so, and everything is in first-class order. The vouchers were in every case shown and checked, and I again report for the auditing committee that we found everything in satisfactory shape.

Comrade GANDY. How much is in the general fund?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. \$8,677.

Comrade TOWLER. No; that is the total, but there is \$1,900——

Quartermaster General STOWITS. \$1,900 belongs to the southern memorial fund.

Comrade TOWLER. So there is nearly \$2,000 off the 8.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It all shows complete in my report.

Comrade TOWLER. I have not written the report of the auditing committee. I will do that, since Mr. Elliott is here, and it will be read to the encampment. As far as I know that is about all that

I can report on this matter. There has been no call on the executive committee during the past year except now, and I am satisfied, after considering the decline in membership, that more money will have to be drawn from the general fund during the coming year to maintain the standards of the order.

Comrade GANDY. Is your committee going to recommend anything about per capita tax for the coming year?

Comrade TOWLER. It has not been under consideration.

Comrade GANDY. I move a vote of thanks to the auditing committee for their verbal report. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that a vote of thanks of this executive committee be tendered to the auditing committee for their report. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is unanimously carried.

Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. I suppose the question of whether it would be necessary to draw on the reserve fund will be settled by the incoming council of administration.

Comrade TOWLER. I presume so. There is a matter which will have to be considered—the auditing committee checked over that matter, but felt they had no authority in the matter—and that is the question of the funds for distribution of the flags at the memorial season in the South. The quartermaster reports that he has had a great deal of trouble. He has been sending money down to comrades through the South, and it has been a very unsatisfactory way—difficult to find people who are strong enough and intellectually bright enough and able to take care of the fund and see that it is properly distributed for memorial purposes; and we felt in a general way that the matter should be presented to the encampment and have the whole thing referred to the incoming council of administration for determination.

Comrade GANDY. Comrade Stowits, how have you been governed in sending this fund to the South? How do you get the responsibility of the men down there that you send it to?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I send it to them, and they have to make a detailed report of all their expenses—just what they do.

Comrade GANDY. You have no trouble in getting a detailed report?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No; I get a detailed report all right. But the question of disbursement, as the comrade says, ought to be definitely settled, I think, by referring it to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Commander in Chief REESE. I think so myself. They are able to and they know.

Comrade WRIGHT. Are they as strong in the South as the Daughters?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. About the same, but you could make it a joint committee of the Daughters and the Relief Corps. Still, the Relief Corps are the direct auxiliary of the Grand Army.

Comrade GANDY. I presume the Relief Corps would be stronger in the South than the Daughters where this money has to be expended or is expended.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They are. The Relief Corps handled a great deal of it this year. They were down to Atlanta and took care of the business there.

Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. I think the suggestion is a good one to have that all handled through the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade TOWLER. That was apparently the opinion of the committee that audited the books, but this administration does not control the next one, and it ought to go to the national council of the next administration for decision.

Comrade GANDY. Who is on that auditing committee with you?

Comrade TOWLER. Judge Willett, Comrade Hambright, Comrade Wright, and myself.

Comrade GANDY. Comrade Stowits, have you any recommendations that you want the executive committee to report to the general committee?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I have not, Comrade Gandy.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, is there any other question that you want to bring up?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. If this subject matter is referred to the incoming council, they will straighten the matter out in some shape. They will have to.

Comrade WRIGHT. Would a motion be in order to refer this to the incoming council as regards the southern distribution of the flags?

Commander in Chief REESE. It would be in order.

Comrade WRIGHT. I would so move, that it be referred to the incoming council.

Comrade GANDY. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, you have all heard the motion as stated by Comrade Wright that this matter be referred to the council of the incoming administration for their action as they see proper. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Unanimously carried.

Comrade GANDY. Comrade Stowits, about what is the amount of this fund that is sent South each year?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It runs from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Comrade NOLL. That is in addition to what the Woman's Relief Corps sends. They raise money.

Commander in Chief REESE. All the funds, as I understand it, go through the hands of the Grand Army.

Comrade TOWLER. Pages and pages of departments and posts that have contributed money in the quartermaster's report or in his books.

Commander in Chief REESE. Especially Georgia and South Carolina. They have only got about 14 members in their department, and they tell me that there are not more than one or two that are able to handle this fund. They are anxious to have it turned over to the Woman's Relief Corps if they have authority. The incoming administration may do as they think proper, but it would be well enough for the department to be in conjunction with the Woman's Relief Corps. Let them have some say about it—to be with them, both cooperating together.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They will have to work together.

Comrade TOWLER. They have been working together for years, but, like it is in all localities, the membership is getting too small. The people are getting less able to do it; they are getting more feeble.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, is there any other question to come up?

Comrade TOWLER. I will say to Commander Hambright (who just came in the room) that I reported to the executive committee the conversation that we had yesterday as the auditing committee, and, as I understand it, the suggestions that we made have been approved by the executive committee that the matter go over to the next national council of administration.

Comrade WRIGHT. If there is no further business, I move that we adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." [Carried.]

Now, comrades, remember that there is a council meeting at 3 o'clock.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1929, AT THE EASTLAND HOTEL, PORTLAND, ME.

The national council of administration was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m. Monday, September 9, 1929, in national headquarters in the Eastland Hotel, Portland, Me. In addition to Commander in Chief John Reese, who presided at the meeting, the following members of the council of administration were present:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief James E. Jewel, of Colorado.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York.

Assistant Adjutant General O. C. Bell, of Nebraska.

Comrade George F. Jackson, of Alabama.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade William Wilson, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade William Jubb, of Florida.

Comrade Henry Brunner, of Georgia and South Carolina.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade Oley Nelson, of Iowa.

Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade George Prechtel, of Maryland.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade Edwin F. Brown, of Nebraska.

Comrade H. S. Paul, of New Hampshire.

Comrade W. O. Allen, of New Jersey.

Comrade Louis H. LaVallee, of New York.

Comrade Charles Cotter, of North Dakota.

Comrade E. F. Taggart, of Ohio.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John Middleton, of the Potomac.

Comrade Samuel A. Wheldon, of Rhode Island.

Comrade John A. Thwing, of Vermont.

Comrade H. W. House, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Comrade E. B. Heimstreet, of Wisconsin.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, it is just time now for our meeting. Some may make a little mistake as to the time. We are running on daylight-saving time, but our clock in there is set on standard time, so that may fool some of us. But if they come they will be sent in, and we might as well call the roll and see who are present in the council of administration.

(The roll was then called, and as other members of the council entered their presence was noted, with the result above shown.)

There is a quorum present, and we will proceed to business. What is the first matter that you want to bring up, comrades?

The shorthand reporter then read from his notes the verbal report of the auditing committee made by Comrade Towler to the executive committee.

Comrade TOWLER. I have those figures with me now. The total amount in the hands of the quartermaster general is \$8,677.53, of which \$1,895.42 is in the southern memorial fund and the balance in the general fund.

Comrade GANDY. It was read that \$1,500 was drawn from the general fund. Shouldn't that be the reserve fund?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We haven't disturbed the permanent fund at all.

Comrade TAGGART. What amount of money is in the reserve fund?

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade Arensberg has a report that he wants to make.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG, chairman of the trustees of the permanent fund. Commander in chief and comrades (reading report of trustees later made to the encampment and found at p. 153 of this journal) :

I wish to explain the mortgage referred to in the report by saying that during the year the third Liberty loan was called in, and we had \$1,500 in the loan, and I had been instructed to turn that money over to the checking account or interest fund, so as to have it ready and available if the quartermaster should call upon me for some money. But I received some other moneys, and I did not see any necessity of putting that in that checking account, so I kept that intact, and by the advice of the officers of the trust company took up this mortgage, which is made at 6 per cent, the best interest that I could secure on that \$1,500 and still keep it in the permanent fund. So there has been no reduction whatever in the principal of the permanent fund.

We have a total of \$32,300 in that fund. That is the total. On August 14, 1928, the balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh was \$3,401.07. That is in the interest or checking account. The cash balance on hand in said bank at the date of this report is \$6,336.45.

The quartermaster did not make any call this year. We have had no call for anything outside of that check for the bond and paying the company the small percentage that they charge for collecting these interest accounts. We are not any poorer and we are about as rich as when the quartermaster last year called on me for some money, but I have about replaced it with that contribution of \$1,500 and the interest this year. So I have got back to about my original place.

We have got nearly \$40,000 in the permanent fund. That is about the condition of affairs. I don't know what you want to do with it. There are quite a few people very much interested in what we are going to do with it when we get done, and all that sort of thing. I would like to see you spend it before you quit. That is what I would like to see.

It is possible that the quartermaster may draw on us this year. It will depend on what is done at this encampment. If we get some liberal donations he may not be required to draw on this permanent fund, but I don't like to see it lie that way. I think

that we ought to use it up and use it while we live, not leave it to somebody to fight over afterwards. You may talk about it as you please, but we have some very nice allied organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, and they would all like to have an interest or share in that fund, and everyone of them would think that they are entitled to a lot more than the others. So I don't want them to fight over it. I would like to see you fellows get rid of it before we are done here. I want to say to you, it doesn't make any difference whether we receive any contributions or not. Whether we receive them or not, we have got money enough to run easily for five years, and possibly 8 or 10. So we are not ready to quit yet. That is about the situation. We are not ready to quit. We have got this stuff to carry on with.

Comrade GANDY. How much do we get a year from the per capital tax?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That I don't know. I don't get anything.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. About \$1,300. You won't get as much this year.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Comrade Stowits gets that, and he has been making use of it in going on with the general fund to carry on with. He has not been obliged to nor has not in any way called on this fund, nor on the interest account at all. So we are just in as good shape to-day as we were two years ago—got just as much money. We are not any poorer. I think that is about all.

Comrade COTTER. I think that is a very favorable report. I think that is a report that we can be proud of. I am in favor, as the comrade here, of using some of it. We can not last a great while yet. I think it should be used instead of holding it. There won't be many of us left in five years. I think it ought to be used up some way so that the comrades would get some little benefit out of it while we are alive.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. How are you going to use it up? There is a possibility some day, some time in the future, we may have to pay the expenses of the national encampment at a certain locality, if the community were not able to provide for it, so we had better hold on to it. It is a very excellent report. I think the trustees of the permanent fund should be commended for the able management of that fund.

Comrade GANDY. I am going to make this suggestion and see what you think about it. We are paying $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents now per capita tax to the national. That amounts to 1,300 and some dollars. We have got a lot of little bits of posts in the various departments that it is pretty hard to collect this per capita tax from. Now I would suggest that instead of any per capita tax that it be taken out of the general fund and that all posts and all departments do not have to send any money to the national for per capita tax of the various departments. It will only make a difference of \$1,300, but it will save a whole lot of trouble and a whole lot of work of this adjutant general to do that. Seems to me long as it is so small an amount taken from the general fund and relieving him of a whole lot of work that is a very nice way to spend about \$1,300 a year. I would make that as a suggestion.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. If you fail to collect a fund known as a per capita tax, which is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents a man per year, you will never get a report so that you will know where you are at. They are sending that, and that necessitates them making a report showing the standing of their department all the way through.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Commander in chief and comrades, that was just about what I had in mind when Comrade Stowits spoke. I don't believe in doing away entirely with the per capita tax, because if we do we lose hold of the different departments. This means keeping them right up and making them report to us. If we dispense with that, we will get no reports, and we will not know what their standing is or anything else. So we had better have a small per capita tax. If you want to give them a little lift, instead of having $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents put it 2. That is dead easy. That is the reasonable price of a stogy, and they ought to be able to do that without any trouble. But it would still make it obligatory upon them to make a report to us here. It will keep us in touch with them. I believe that would be the wise thing to do.

Comrade GANDY. I see the force of Comrade Stowits's remarks. I agree with him exactly. We want these reports. If you want it 2 cents instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$ it would make it a little easier, and we would get our reports just the same at 2 cents as we would at $3\frac{1}{2}$. I suggest that we recommend that 2 cents be the amount instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$, and that this committee—this council—recommend to the incoming council that 2 cents be the amount instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Comrade JUBB. I would second that motion with all my heart.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I have no argument with that. I second that motion. Not for one minute would I eliminate the tax complete or you will never get a report. Possibly 2 cents—we can carry that. That won't hurt the members of my department. We are much less in number than we were years ago, but keep up the interest in having a report from each department as long as the department functions.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we recommend to the incoming council that the per capita tax be reduced to 2 cents a member.

Comrade PRECHTEL. Isn't that a matter for the national encampment?

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been done by the council heretofore. All we can do is to recommend it to the new council. All in favor of the question say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried unanimously.

Now is there any further business to come before this council? This is the last meeting you will have in this administration of the council, once you are adjourned.

Comrade GANDY. I would like to hear from the chairman of the executive committee.

Comrade TOWLER. I can only reiterate to a considerable extent what Mr. Elliott, the shorthand reporter, read to you of the report I made to the executive committee. Since being there I have obtained a copy of the report of the quartermaster general, and we find [reading the printed report of the quartermaster general found at p. 142 of this journal].

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. The report of the quartermaster general and also of the trustees of the permanent fund will appear in the printed reports.

Commander in Chief REESE. Yes, sir; that was a printed report that Comrade Towler read from.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. It is an easy matter to get confused in figures the same as you can get confused in this daylight-saving time and standard time, but you will all be able to see those figures right in those reports. Don't get confused about this general fund and the permanent fund. The general fund is what the quartermaster has charge of, and the permanent fund the trustees have charge of. The quartermaster can not draw on the permanent fund.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. With this proviso, the quartermaster general can draw, through order of the commander in chief, on the interest or checking account of the permanent fund. But if there is any money to be drawn from the principal, then it must come before the encampment and by a vote of the encampment authorize that withdrawal. Otherwise not. The only available money during the year is what is in the interest fund or checking account.

Commander in Chief REESE. It does not seem to me it would be necessary this coming year to draw any from the permanent fund.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. It may not be. I hope it don't.

Commander in Chief REESE. Especially if we get donations of anything like we have had heretofore.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Depends on the donations and what expenses we have.

Comrade TOWLER. We had \$16,445.92 to start with, with this administration, and there is \$8,677.53 now.

Commander in Chief REESE. To start in the new administration.

Comrade TOWLER. There won't be for the new, because there will be a supplemental account again, and there is only \$6,782.31 in the general fund to draw upon. You can see that you have got nearly \$9,000 less this year than you had last.

Commander in Chief REESE. Yes; but of course it depends on the donations from our allied orders. If they are anything like they were last year, it will come up to what we had.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Even if it don't, with the balance on hand, what is in the checking account would run the organization for the entire year even if we don't get a cent from anybody. With the balance in the general fund and with the amount in the checking account of the permanent fund, which is in the trustees' hands, we would have enough money to run all next year now, even if we didn't get a cent of contributions from anybody.

Commander in chief REESE. It might appear that we won't have enough next year. But if we don't have a dollar we would have enough.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. We don't need to disturb the principal this coming year anyhow.

Commander in Chief REESE. No; there is no necessity for it.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. It is always considered wise for a man when he has accumulated some property to make a will disposing of his property while he is mentally sound and

physically able to do so. It is a matter of fact known to us all that we are getting along where we ought to make our will. Now it is suggested that we ought to spend this money. I don't think we ought to unless it becomes absolutely necessary. But while we have a goodly number of men and comrades possessed of good sound sense and ability to do business, I think we ought to do some looking forward to the time when our whole company will be so small, while we still have funds in hand, that those who remain may know what are the wishes of the Grand Army when their money should be disposed of.

I just make this suggestion, that it would be wise to take some action as to what should be done with what is left.

Commander in Chief REESE. I don't think the time has come yet. What would be your suggestion? How would you dispose of it?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. That is a matter to be determined. I would just suggest that we have the Sons of Union Veterans and we have the Daughters. They are going to carry on when the last Grand Army man is laid under the sod, and they are going to decorate our graves. They are going to keep our memories green, and I think that the Daughters and the Sons—our own flesh and blood—are entitled to inherit what we have left.

Comrade COTTER. I don't agree with the gentleman. Plans are no good after you are dead. The Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans are never going to suffer, and they are well able to take care of themselves. This organization will never suffer as long as we have got so many allied organizations. I think we will be well fixed for funds. They do not need the funds. I suggest that we may find some poor widow or some poor soldier that needs it at present. It is no good after he is dead. There are a lot of us going to die within the next few years. Now is the time to use it.

Commander in Chief REESE. Especially with the widows.

Comrade COTTER. Especially with the widows.

Commander in Chief REESE. A good suggestion. Any other remarks on the question?

Comrade JACKSON. Commander and comrades: I represent the department down in Alabama. Speaking of making wills, we had a little money and we made our will so that the Sons of Veterans will receive what we leave. That is not much.

Another thing that it may be proper to speak of. Twenty-five years ago there were quite a large number of Union soldiers of the Grand Army in the State, and at that time out of the memorial fund we received \$50 every 30th day of May for memorial purposes. There are only a few left. The balance of them are in the cemeteries. Now, whatever comes, \$35 of the \$50 is sent to the Mobile Post, as they require more than we in Birmingham, and the \$15 that we receive is used for the purchase of flowers. But on the 30th of May we have to buy flowers, as the flower season is past with us.

That is just a little more, and because there are so few of us we have to put our hands in our pockets to purchase flowers to go around and give them all a little bouquet. I suggest that we ought to have a little more now than we did years ago, with our members increasing in the cemeteries.

Commander in Chief REESE. A good suggestion, and that would be a good way to reduce this fund that we have.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I call especial attention to the fact that possibly two years ago, and especially at our last encampment, the question of what we were going to do with our funds when the post ceased to exist was raised. I think Judge McBride's decision was referred to as the law of the order that we belonged to, and I doubt very much to-day whether you can pass a resolution here authorizing this—any post—without you submit that question to the national encampment.

And there are comrades here that mentioned the fact that it was time for the most of us to make our wills. I am not quite ready for that. I am not quite ready. I am not sure that a will will stand the test. In Arkansas quite often attorneys make more out of a disputed legacy in a will than they do executing the law that stands on the statute books at the death of the comrade.

Now if the comrade that proposed that question should come before our encampment every department ought to have notice. I understand today that the Department of Arkansas with \$150 in the treasury can donate that to a poor widow, or a dozen widows, or can donate that to the use of the members in good standing. The difficulty of designating the son of a veteran would be great. It is a difficult matter in the South to distinguish. Take my case. I have got two or three branches. Take my interest; I would like to donate anything we have, surplus, at the time the post ceases to function, to the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. And a great many there in the South who have married and remarried with the veterans: what are you going to do with the grandchildren of the veterans? Are you going to divide it up? What about the Spanish-American War? What about the World War? We have got a dozen of them there in Little Rock, and the Spanish-American War seems to be the nearest. And yet my son-in-law; his father was a Confederate. The children of my son-in-law and of my daughter are divided, aren't they, and which are you going to favor? Where are you going to land with a lot of us if you designate it to the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War when there are three or four branches from that time to the present?

I guess that "will" business—I would rather risk the statutes of the State of Arkansas for the benefit of our post than the designation of what heirs shall inherit. Possibly we can. I don't think the motion was before the board. I don't think you have passed on it. I don't think you have had a vote on it, but when you are ready to I am against that "will" business.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, as I understand it, each department has control of its own property in the department and each post has control over the property that they own in the post, and it is up to them to say what they want to do with it. We have nothing to say as to how they shall dispose of their funds. But the only question we would have as to this organization—the encampment. Of course our funds are under the control of the encampment, and they can change anything they want to by a vote. But as to the encampment taking any action on the funds of a de-

partment—how they shall dispose of them or the funds of a post—I don't think we would have any authority to do that. That is up to them.

Comrade JACKSON. Commander, I wish to explain that I am not speaking of department funds. I should have said the post funds in Post No. 1, Birmingham.

Commander in Chief REESE. That is up to you, your post.

Comrade JACKSON. We took our cards while we held our charter. We could not do it after surrendering the charter. It has got to be done before, while there is membership.

Comrade GANDY. That is a local matter. We have nothing to do with it.

Commander in Chief REESE. I think that ends the discussion as to the funds of a department or post. But this organization can take any action they see fit as to the funds of the Grand Army Encampment, this fund that is reported here. If they want to change anything, they have a right to change it, but not to interfere with the funds of a department or post.

Comrade NOLL. Comrade Alterberg, speaking of the Sons of Veterans, ignores the point that if we made a will to the Daughters or Sons it would be to the organization, and the sons indiscriminately would not come in for that. It is the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or the organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War that would get this money, as I understand it, if a will is made.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. That was just my idea exactly, that we recognize only the national organization of the Sons and the national organization of the Daughters; that what we left went to the national organization, not in personam. If you undertake to divide it up among the widows, it would be like Ben Butler. You remember a great many years when he took the salary grab. You old boys remember about that salary grab, and a great many wrote to Ben criticising him for taking this salary grab. Ben said: "I took it. I calculated to divide it up among all the citizens. It is just 3 cents apiece. You will find yours on the back of this letter." So if we undertake to divide this up in personam and give each widow something, we would never get it done.

But my idea was that what we have left should go to the national organization of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War and the national organization of the Daughters of the Civil War as organizations and not in personam at all.

Comrade NOLL. In addition I would say that I believe the Woman's Relief Corps would be entitled to a part of this money if it was willed out, because they have been liberal. They have given us liberal donations through all the years.

Comrade PAUL. Where does the Relief Corps come in?

Comrade PRECHTEL. Aren't we discussing a matter there that is almost a waste of time? Suppose we vote here. Next year the incoming council may vote differently, and their minds might not accord with ours to-day. They would have control of that. Why discuss the matter now unless we are determined to make a definite proposition now what shall be done with that?

Comrade DAVIDSON. I don't see where we should worry about this fund. I want to say to you that I live south of Mason and Dixon's line, and those that live south of Mason and Dixon's line have more or less to do with our cemeteries. Boys came in there as recruits, served three years, and then reenlisted, and we have to look after them. In the city I live at, Louisville, we have between 6,000 and 7,000 graves of Union soldiers and Spanish-American and World War soldiers. I have been secretary of that association for about 25 years, and it is up to us each and every year to get up and finance the expenses of carrying on a work that we have never slackened in any way. We have got up everything that is necessary to give those graves a fine decoration in every respect—flowers and everything. I am on the finance committee, and we get up the necessary expense and pay it. We have never called on you for a dollar. If there is an extra fund and we should run a little short some day, I would not hesitate to call on you if you are worried about getting a place for the funds.

I want to say, furthermore, that I have a communication from our latest superintendent of our national cemetery, a World War veteran who lost his arm (I have served three superintendents, all old soldiers, and seen them pass away; I might say four). One went away from there before he died, but this young fellow—I will say that he has kept up the cemetery in the finest condition of any that I have seen for many years. I understand that the War Department proposes to remove him, and it is up to me to write a letter to the War Department asking them if they can furnish someone else. But we would dislike to see that young fellow go away. He is a good worker, an earnest worker in every respect. He informs me that our cemetery has about 300 more graves and then it will be entirely filled.

But remember, comrades, at the Brownsboro Road is a fine monument to Gen. Zachary Taylor. Here recently the Government purchased a few acres. He tells me when our National Cemetery is filled up with the Spanish-American and the World War, as they are coming in thicker now than our comrades—they are thinning out in our section—he tells me that after our cemetery is filled, then they will commence burying the Spanish and the World War veterans in this cemetery that is now known as the Zachary Taylor Cemetery. So we may possibly have to call upon you for help, but I want to say that as long as I live there will be nothing left undone in the way of decorations for the graves of our Union soldiers and the Spanish-American War soldiers and the World War soldiers buried at those cemeteries in our locality.

Comrade PAUL. Seems to me it would be left to us to keep this ball rolling, just as we have done in the last 50 years, and not give up the ghost. I think that we can continue on just as we have been going for the last number of years. There is no occasion for giving any of our money to the Sons of Veterans or the Daughters of Veterans or the Relief Corps. They are able to take care of themselves, and they don't ask for us to feed them or take care of them. They want to help us any time we need it. Seems to me if we go right

straight along as we have gone for the last years we will be better off. I don't see any occasion for giving up the ghost. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. Any further remarks?

Comrade JUBB. To change the subject, I would like to get the sentiment of this meeting where we shall hold our next reunion—Washington with the Blue and the Gray?

(Several comrades: "No.")

Comrade JUBB. I want just the sentiment of this meeting.

Comrade BRUNNER. That don't belong here, comrade. I, being in Fitzgerald, Ga., have been doing missionary work in getting up this reunion of the Blue and the Gray. That is an extra issue that does not come here at all. But I am in correspondence with our Senators in Georgia and they acquiesce and heartily approve that movement. We have a comrade from Nebraska—you comrades may know him. I don't know just—I can't remember names, but——

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade Richards you are speaking of?

Comrade BRUNNER. He is the one that got me on that track. I began talking it down there and every Confederate soldier acquiesced. These soldiers I have made friends with. I associate with them. I have had my picture taken with them. And, as I have said, we are doing missionary work because we have split the solid South, and all that. When it comes to the Blue and the Gray, comrades, that is an extra issue. But I would like to hear your opinion about pensions. Let's strike that question once.

Comrade WRIGHT. I move that this whole matter be referred to the incoming administration. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the matter of this discussion be referred to the incoming administration. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The next administration will have it to contend with.

Comrade WRIGHT. I move that we do now adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief REESE. If there is no further business to come before this council I will recognize and entertain the motion of Comrade Wright that we do now adjourn.

Comrade TOWLER. Subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I was not present when the meeting opened. Has there been any action taken in regard to the position of the incoming administration to set the time for the next encampment two months earlier, or earlier than this, so you won't have to wear a double overcoat and overshoes and everything to keep warm? With warm weather down South we would like to come North during the heated season and cool off. We don't like to stay there during the heated season and come up here and freeze to death like we do in Nebraska. You have had snow in Nebraska.

Commander in Chief REESE. We have it hot there, too.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Last year at Denver and this year it has been too late. Possibly we would have had 25 from the State of Arkansas and we have got 3. It is too cold. We have got cold

weather down there and we can stand it. If you will make it 30 or 60 days earlier each summer the Southern States will give you a better representation. You have got a very poor representation here. At Portland, Oreg. from the Southern States, why one-half of our crowd couldn't go. They say, "We have got to be up there in the snowflakes."

Comrade WRIGHT. Question.

Commander in Chief REESE. I think that had better be left to the incoming administration.

Comrade WRIGHT. There is a motion to adjourn.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I would like to have it set a little earlier. I have been attending for the last 40 years I presume—ever since Arkansas was added, was inaugurated. I don't think it is quite 40. I would like to come next year, but a lot of us won't.

Commander in Chief REESE. The motion to adjourn will be in order unless you have something else.

Comrade BRUNNER. I would like to suggest this, comrades. Let us not meet too early where we would be too hot. I think we will meet in Cincinnati. That is more centrally located. Now, then, July is too hot.

Comrade WRIGHT. A point of order. A motion to adjourn is always in order and not debatable.

Commander in Chief REESE. That is true.

Comrade BRUNNER. Sit down and let me talk a minute.

Commander in Chief REESE. Be brief, comrade, and we will hear you.

Comrade BRUNNER. July you will get sunstruck in Cincinnati, or August. But the early part of September is all right, or the latter part of August.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we now adjourn.

Comrade GANDY. Subject to the call of the commander.

Commander in Chief REESE. Any questions? Anyone desire to be heard on that question that we adjourn. This is a final adjournment, remember, unless you are adjourned to some other time. All in favor of the motion——

Comrade ALLEN. I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief. Do you accept that?

Comrade WRIGHT. No, I don't.

Commander in Chief REESE. That we adjourn.

Comrade WRIGHT. This administration will go out of existence in a very short time. There will not be any time for the commander of the present administration to call another meeting of the council.

Commander in Chief REESE. There is no necessity of another meeting as far as I can know now. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn sine die. That is the question. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried unanimously.

(Whereupon, at 4.03 o'clock p. m., the meeting of the national council of administration stood adjourned.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUAR-
TERS IN THE EASTLAND HOTEL, PORTLAND, ME.,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1929**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief at national headquarters in the Eastland Hotel, Portland, Me., at 8.18 o'clock p. m., Thursday, September 12, 1929. The following members were in attendance:

Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass.
Junior Vice Commander in Chief James W. Shields, Boise, Idaho.
Adjutant General Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.
Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.
Comrade William Wilson, of Colorado and Wyoming.
Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.
Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.
Comrade Oley Nelson, of Iowa.
Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.
Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.
Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.
Comrade Samuel C. Pierce, of New York.
Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.
Comrade H. P. Carson, of South Dakota.
Comrade H. W. House, of Virginia and North Carolina.
Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. The comrades will please come to order and we will try and proceed. If anyone comes, we will let them in.

(The roll was then called and those present noted.)

I would say that the executive committee appointed up to the present time is Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota; William P. Wright, of Illinois; W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania; Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio; William O. Allen, of New Jersey; Adrian P. Sloan, of Connecticut; and Henry Clark, of Massachusetts. That, in connection with the commander, junior and senior, adjutant general, and quartermaster general, will make up the list.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Commander, I don't of anything for us to do, unless you have got some special business, except to make the appropriations.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We haven't anything especial.

Comrade TOWLER. I will move the usual appropriations: \$1,800, or so much thereof as may be needed, to the commander in chief for traveling expenses; salary of the adjutant general, \$1,200; salary of the quartermaster general, \$500; salary of the secretary to the commander in chief, \$1,800; salary of the custodian of the records, \$300; to the retiring adjutant general, \$200 for editing the journal of the encampment; and \$200 and traveling expenses to the shorthand reporter of the encampment.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I move that those appropriations be made. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the motion that has been made. All in favor will say "Aye." Contrary? Carried.

Comrade TOWLER. I move that the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed at \$5,000, and the bond of the adjutant general \$1,200. The premiums to be paid from the general fund. [The motion prevailed.]

The SHORTHAND REPORTER. The following matters were referred to the new council of administration by the former council of administration or the executive committee:

By the executive committee: (1) The question whether or not the quartermaster general should be authorized to draw on the permanent fund in case of emergency. (2) The matter of the distribution of the southern memorial fund.

By the council: (1) A recommendation that the per capita tax be reduced from 3½ cents per member to 2 cents per member. (2) The matter of a joint reunion of the Blue and Gray.

Action on some of these matters is perhaps unnecessary in view of the action of the national encampment on the subject.

Comrade WILSON. I move you that the per capita tax be reduced to 2 cents. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the motion that the per capita tax be reduced from 3½ cents to 2 cents. All in favor of that manifest it by the usual sign. Contrary? Carried.

If there is nothing further to come before the meeting, I want to say to you, comrades, I am pleased to be with you to-night in the position I am occupying or starting to occupy, and I hope that I will get better acquainted with you. I want you to let me get just as close to you as I can, and we will work in harmony, because that is what means success in what we are undertaking to go through in this next year.

For the present, comrades, my headquarters will be established at room 27 at the statehouse, Boston, and I expect it to be permanent. But for the present it will be there.

Comrades, do you think of anything more that we should do?

Comrade TOWLER. There is a question that occurs to me which I have thought about in the past and I want the national council to think of it. Oftentimes a question comes up before the national council that we have no legal adviser on. He is not present at the meeting. He is not supposed to be there. Take it in this case of Stewart, if the laws had all been looked up and the form gone through had been looked up, a great amount of work and hard feelings and everything of that kind might have been avoided. So I thought I would present the thought to the national council of asking whoever may be the judge advocate general to be the adviser of the national council in all matters concerning proceedings that involve not only Grand Army law but other law.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Isn't that the business of the judge-advocate general, anyway?

Comrade TOWLER. It is not so stated.

Comrade WRIGHT. Have him legal adviser and counsel.

Comrade NELSON. As an adviser.

Comrade TOWLER. As adviser to the national council. That, of course, may be a little far-fetched, but we are coming to the time when we are going to have considerable money, probably if we don't take a streak of spending it. But we are going to have considerable money. Those questions all come before the national council. Now, as a matter of course, Doctor Arensberg comes in and makes his report. The executive committee make their report, whatever it is, or it is referred to some members there or a committee of the national council for consideration; and it seems to me that as a body the judge advocate general should be invited to sit with the national council of administration when in session.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I think that is a good plan.

Comrade NELSON. As an advisory member.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You can not make him a member.

Comrade TOWLER. You would ask the judge advocate general to come in.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. As counsel.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That would have been a good thing if we had had it in this case.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Do you think well of making that motion to-night and considering it, or having it considered at the next meeting?

Comrade TOWLER. There will be no next meeting until next year unless there be some calamity happen.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. If we don't act on it to-night we won't have him.

Comrade WRIGHT. Couldn't the commander in chief ask him to meet with the council?

Comrade TOWLER. The commander in chief sends all legal matters to the judge advocate general and he reports to the commander in chief. He is attorney of the commander in chief, but in this case we are an independent body.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Just for advice, that is all. I guess that covers the whole ground. I move we adjourn.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. To meet at the call of the commander in chief. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. All those in favor of adjourning please indicate by the usual sign. Contrary? We stand adjourned for one year, unless called together.

(8.42 p. m.)

MINUTES OF TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, FEDERATED
PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES, ALLIED WITH GRAND ARMY OF
THE REPUBLIC

PORTLAND ME., *September 8, 1929.*

The Tenth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was held in the ballroom of the Eastland Hotel, Portland, Me., Sunday, September 8, 1929. Meeting was called to order by the president, H. M. Pratt, at 4.30 p. m.

A comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic led in prayer, after which all joined in singing America, led by Mrs. Margaret J. Bennett, of Pennsylvania, with Mrs. Clara Kurtz, of Ohio, at the piano.

Welcome was extended to the members and guests by the president. Roll call of voting members present included—

Grand Army of the Republic-----	4
Woman's Relief Corps-----	13
Ladies of the G. A. R.-----	8
Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War-----	10
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War-----	13
Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War-----	2
Officers-----	2
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Total number of voting members present-----	52

There were fully twice that number of nonvoting members present. Greetings were briefly extended by the national heads of various organizations, all of whom were present.

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Conference were read and approved.

President Pratt read the report of his year's work. His efforts had been untiring, as the results obtained showed State federations now existing in Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, with several other departments, working on organization.

The Quad Cities Federation comprises Moline, East Moline, and Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa, and is most flourishing, as are many local federations. The report was most enthusiastically received.

The matter of a publicity organ was discussed very thoroughly resulting a motion by Brother Bowley of the Sons of Union Veterans, seconded by Mrs. Emma Campbell of the Woman's Relief Corps, that a committee be appointed to make a survey regarding the advisability of publishing an official organ—committee to be composed of one member from each of the federated organizations. Motion carried. Committee, Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Dr. E. W. Homan, of the Sons of Union Veterans; Mrs. Ida Roaks Klein.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; and Mrs. Agnes I. McCoy, Daughters of Union Veterans; and Dr. Louis F. Arensburg of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Moved by Brother Bowley, seconded by comrade John R. King, that we as an organization indorse the movement. Carried.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Mamie Demms, vice president, who was detained at home by sickness.

Annual report of the secretary-treasurer was read. The financial report was as follows:

Receipts:

From former treasurer-----	\$202. 53
Interest on deposit-----	4. 35

Total receipts-----	\$206. 88
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Disbursements:

Printing stationery-----	\$7. 50
Printing leaflets-----	22. 12
Printing annual notices and postal cards-----	6. 25
Postage, secretary-treasurer-----	5. 50

Total disbursements-----	41. 37
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Balance, Sept. 8-----	165. 51
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Mrs. Cora Rowllins, president of the Ohio Federation, gave a brief report of that organization. Mrs. Agnes Parker reported that in Massachusetts they had what is termed a "committee on friendly relations," which is similar to the federation. Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary reported for the Iowa Federation, Mrs. Margaret Grandle for Kansas, Mrs. Emily Tompkins for the Department of New York and also for the local federation of New York City. Missouri and Oklahoma were reported by Mrs. Alice May Armstrong, Vermont by Bro. E. T. Griswold, and Washington by Mrs. Grace Herd.

Letters regretting their absence were ordered sent to Mrs. Estelle Underhill and Mrs. Mamie Deems on motion by Mrs. Ehrman numerously seconded.

Election of officers resulted in the unanimous election of Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock, of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, as president, and Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, of the Ladies of the G. A. R., as vice president. There being no other nominees, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for both officers.

After singing The Star-Spangled Banner and God Be with You Till We Meet Again the meeting adjourned to the sunrise room of the hotel, where 171 members and guests were seated at flag-decorated tables.

Souvenirs were copies of a heretofore unprinted picture of Abraham Lincoln, presented by Abraham Lincoln Circle, Ladies of G. A. R. of Washington, D. C., through the courtesy of its president, Mrs. May D. Lightfoot.

After the banquet, and as the coffee cups were passed, Mrs. Margaret Bennett sang Just a Song at Twilight, accompanied by Mrs. Clara Kurtz; then all joined in The Battle Hymn of the Republic, after which the following toasts were most fittingly responded to: The Grand Army of the Republic, Judge John Reese, commander in chief Grand Army of the Republic; Our Allied Orders, Mrs. Minnie T. Horseman, president National Woman's Relief Corps;

Fraternity, Mrs. Cassea Hopper Orsborn, president National Ladies of the G. A. R.; Charity, Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen, president National Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War; Loyalty, Miss Hazel L. Riley, president National Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War.

Miss Riley introduced Miss Bertha Martin, past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and one of its founders, who gave a most inspiring address.

The Tie That Binds was most cleverly handled by Col. Delevan Bates Bowley, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as was To-morrow by our newly elected president, Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock.

President Pratt acted as toastmaster, and introduced each speaker most happily.

Moved by Miss Kate G. Raynor, seconded by several, that the assessment of \$25 from each organization be called for this year. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Lightfoot, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Kurtz.

A poem, Reveille, was read, after which all joined in singing Suwanee River and Blest Be the Tie That Binds, closing with the Mizpah benediction. All felt that the meeting had indeed been a benediction on the efforts put forth the past year by the six organizations comprising the great Grand Army family.

Supplemental report of treasurer:

Balance on hand Sept. 8, 1929	\$165. 51
Banquet expenses, guests, tips, etc	\$33. 00
Printing tickets	3. 25
H. M. Pratt, printing programs	8. 00
H. M. Pratt, postage, telegrams, phone	11. 43
Total expense	55. 68
Balance on hand	109. 83

The foregoing minutes of the tenth annual conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, are approved as the official record of said conference.

GRACE L. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.
H. M. PRATT, *President*.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS ORGAN RECITAL AND PARADE

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, HELD IN THE CITY AUDITORIUM, PORTLAND, ME., MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1929

Hon. Lester F. Wallace, chairman of city council, presiding.

While the audience was assembling, Chandler's Band, of Portland, played a number of selections.

Chairman WALLACE (8.30 p. m.). We will open the exercises with an invocation by the chaplain in chief, the Rev. J. King Gibson. I am going to ask the audience if you will kindly stand during the invocation, which is to be followed immediately by the Star-Spangled Banner.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON, of Dayton, Ohio. Shall we unite in Our Lord's Prayer? Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Chairman WALLACE (after the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner). It is my privilege and honor to introduce to those of you who come from beyond the confines of our Pine Tree State and to present to you citizens of Maine not a Civil War veteran but a veteran of the World War, who will extend to you, Commander Reese, and to your comrades and associates the official greeting and welcome of the State of Maine. Our governor, His Excellency Hon. William Tudor Gardiner. [Applause.]

Governor GARDINER. Mr. Chairman and members and friends of the Grand Army of the Republic: The citizens of the State of Maine extend to you greetings on the occasion of your Sixty-third National Encampment, and together with this welcome proffer hearty best wishes for the enjoyment and success of your sessions here in Portland. With extreme pride we look upon your selection of our State for this noteworthy assembly.

To our own veterans of that great conflict of North and South we can pay no honor too great. We look upon you as brothers in arms of our ancestors who gave of their best manhood to save the Union. The bond of military service has ever been a strong one. A service that calls for a supreme sacrifice could not be otherwise.

Maine's record in the Civil War will oft stand repeating. With one from every nine of her citizens gone to answer the colors, the memory of her men, women, and children, their patriotism and their loyalty, may well be honored but never fully realized by us of another day.

The thought that you served with our own as comrades alone is sufficient to make us feel closer to you, to double the warmth of our welcome on this happy reunion. I feel that you will greatly enjoy your stay here in Portland, our largest city, with its many points of interest and historic scenes. I hope, as well, that you may find the time and opportunity to visit other sections of our State, both the inland and the coastal regions, and derive pleasure from the additional natural beauties with which we have been so generously endowed.

I am glad to voice the sincere desire of every citizen in wishing that your reunion in Maine will prove helpful and beneficial as well as enjoyable and return you happy memories long after this immediate occasion has passed. With such as the culmination of your visit Maine citizens will feel that they have accomplished a worthy task in honoring and in adding to the happiness of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Chairman WALLACE. In my position to-night I am acting as sort of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. For the enlightenment of our visitors I might explain that the city charter of the city of Portland under which we operate, commonly known as the council-manager form of government, has no official known as mayor, the nearest we come to it being the chairman of the city council, which position it is my proud privilege at the present time to occupy.

So as the official and executive head of our city, I extend to you, Commander Reese, to your associates, delegates, friends, and representatives of all the allied bodies of the Grand Army of the Republic a cordial welcome to the city of Portland. It is with a most profound sense of reverence and respect that I extend this greeting. It is Portland's one great aim to do everything possible during your stay to make that stay and your convention a success and a pleasure. If there is any detail in the arrangements which we have overlooked, I am sure we would appreciate having our attention called to the fact. We want Portland to be your home in every sense of the word during your stay. We deeply appreciate and we recognize the honor conferred on our city in having your convention held here.

In the days beyond my recollection—to be exact I believe it was in 1885, 44 years ago—Portland had the honor and pleasure of entertaining a convention of the Grand Army of the Republic; and if it were not for appearing to be too selfish I should like to express the wish that your convention this year might be such a success and such a pleasure that you would decide to come back here again next year. [Applause.] I said if it were not for appearing to be too selfish.

In addition to these few words of welcome, I extend to you all every good wish for happiness and success in the future.

I should like at this point in the services to call upon a gentleman who is not listed as a speaker in the printed program, Capt. G. A. Hosley, the chief of staff.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief. His Excellency the Governor, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies and gentlemen: I have a pleasant duty to perform here to-night. It is one that I have performed for 13 consecutive years. Eleven years ago to-night I had

the privilege of performing this same duty in Portland, Oreg.—just 11 years ago. I now am going to call on the commander in chief to stand up. He has to take orders from me now for a few moments. [Applause.]

Commander in chief, I realize the strenuous work that you have gone through for the past year. I know the great work that you have put in at Washington, more so, possibly, than many of your comrades, because I have followed up the action from the beginning. Although perhaps not meeting with the success that you anticipated, you certainly have paved the way where you are going to see results shortly. And I take great pleasure in presenting and pinning on your breast to-night this badge of your office. You have been rolling around through the country from one end to the other, perhaps taking your wife with you at times——

Commander in Chief REESE. All the time.

Chief of Staff HOSLEY. And for all that I think you need pinning down, and I am going to pin you down by placing upon your breast this badge, which represents your regiment and your corps that you served in, and also the Grand Army of the Republic—a past commander in chief's badge. There is your corps badge inscribed on the back, with your regiment and company. Here is your commander in chief's badge, inscribed with the presentation of to-night, the 10th day of September. Wear it over a heart that has always beat so loyally to your country and your God. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief JOHN REESE. I appreciate this emblem, this badge, and I shall wear it. I hope to wear it for many years yet. While you spoke of my activities in Washington in Congress, I only did what I thought was my duty for my comrades and the widows of Civil War comrades that have passed on and answered the last roll call, and I hope—and I have good reason to hope—that we will receive something that we deserve early in the regular session of Congress. I am confident of that, and if we do I will be well paid for what I have done. I thank you again on my part for this splendid badge.

Chief of Staff HOSLEY. Not me, Mr. Commander in Chief. It is presented to you by your official family for this year, sitting down here on the front row.

Commander in Chief REESE. I want to thank my aides for this splendid badge, beautiful badge, and I hope to wear it for many years yet, but when I am through with it I want to pass it over to my sweetheart, and she will pass it over to my grandchildren—to one of them, at least—so that they will remember their grandfather served in the Union Army, the victory of which army brought so many blessings to humanity, saved our country undivided, and made it possible for it to-day to be the best, greatest, and richest Republic among the nations of the world. Again I thank you. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Just a moment. Good things come slow. Commander in chief, I have a word for you.

Commander in Chief REESE. What is the matter with me?

Chairman WALLACE. Past Commander in Chief Willett wishes to say a few words. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I can not talk to you while you sit.

Commander in Chief REESE. You want me to get up?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Yes.

Commander in Chief REESE. I want to know what is coming next.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Commander in chief (a voice "Louder"). If you will just keep still, I will work the bellows. I realize that I have come in at the eleventh hour, as it were, but I have been detailed to talk matters over with you for a few minutes.

Commander in Chief REESE. All right. That is agreeable to me.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Now we assume, for the sake of argument, that during the year preceding the present time that you have always done your duty as you saw it and done it well as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Grand Army of the Republic, the national organization, pays no salary to the commander in chief, but expects you to work for your board and your clothes and furnish your own clothes. And what has been expected from you is no more than all your predecessors have had to do and perform for a like service. And while we may have obeyed your commands at different times with reluctance, we have all tried to obey orders. But we all realize that it don't matter whether the corn crop is good, or the wheat crop is fair, or the cattle have the murrain or they are on good sale, we realize that a testimonial from the encampment in that behalf would always come good, and if I shall give you a testimonial here, no matter how plethoric you may be in purse, if you don't know what to do with it give it to your commander.

By orders of the executive committee of the council of administration, through the quartermaster general, I take great pleasure in making a donation to you in your name. They did not run the chance of a change in transit. They have made it out in your name, and consequently while it is a duty that I am performing there was no opportunity for me to sample it while it was in my possession. I now present you that testimonial in the shape of a \$500 draft. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade Willett, I have only done what I believed to be my duty. I did not expect to be paid for it. I knew that I was working and supporting myself, but I was working for the interests of my comrades and their widows and in the interests of our grand order, and I hope that I have done reasonably well. But I did my best, and that is all that any comrade could do; and I thank you and appreciate this gift, and I will—I don't know what to do with it except to obey your commands. You have always been ready to obey my commands, and I will obey your commands and I will turn it over to the commander of the commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Indorse it, please. [Applause.]

Chairman WALLACE. Judged from the expression of Mrs. Reese, if the commander in chief doesn't know what to do with it, she will.

We now have an address by the commander of the Department of Maine, Samuel F. Emerson.

Department Commander SAMUEL F. EMERSON, of Maine. It would be naturally expected and very proper that any remarks that I may offer would be connected closely with the members of the Grand Army and the auxiliaries of the State of Maine. With the highest respect and regard for our honored governor and all that are associated with him in the varied activities of the State of Maine, I claim that no higher honor can come to a citizen of this State than to be for the time being at the head of the grand organizations that are represented here to-night by the Grand Army of the Republic and their auxiliaries. [Applause.] The very men that, in the vigor of early manhood, rolled up to the battle fields of the Civil War and bared their swords and their bayonets in the flame and smoke of the guns of the enemy—why, that this Nation might have a new birth of freedom and that the government of the people and by the people and for the people might not perish from the face of the earth. [Applause.]

What are the influences that call us together here to-night, the influences that are not hemmed in by State lines, but roll forward into the Southland, across the prairies of the West, beyond the Rocky Mountains, and only die away amid the murmurings of the Pacific? What are those influences? They have called us here, and it is the influence connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. And let me name just a few of the influences that called us here. The patriotic citizenship of the State of Maine is one. The influences arising from the ladies of the Republic, the auxiliaries connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, is another influence. And above it and beyond it all is the patriotic influence that caused two and a half millions of our comrades to offer their lives upon the battle fields of this Republic.

And I notice this, as the years roll by, comrades, and as our ranks grow more thin and our forms a little more bent, and the white locks—the few of them that are upon the head—seem to be more white, and we are bending because of the burdens of fourscore years and more resting upon us. But I learn this, that those who respect us are more sincere, more devoted, and feel a greater respect for the few survivors of this Republic that bore the storm of battle two-thirds of a century ago. And I feel and realize to-night as the years go by and our members get scarce that love in that respect for the survivors will continue.

I will not weary you more with remarks, because others will follow. God bless every one of you comrades, every one of the auxiliaries, every citizen that has a respect for the old flag that we followed, and may all of us unite in bringing here a grander and more devoted citizenship to our beloved country. [Applause.]

Chairman WALLACE. We will now have a selection by the band, Hail to the Chief. [Music by the band.]

That is a most fitting selection as a prelude to our next speaker. It is our esteemed pleasure now to listen to a response to the greetings by the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John Reese.

Commander in Chief JOHN REESE, of Nebraska. Mr. Chairman, honored Governor of Maine, and our department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Maine: We appreciate the kind words of welcome that you have extended to us—not to me personally, but to the Union veterans of the Civil War. In your kind words it was the expression of good will and loyalty to every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It did not need the kind words that you have expressed of welcome to us to convince us that we were welcome on this occasion. The people of Portland made history 44 years ago in their friendship for the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in the encampment that was held here at that time and that history has followed up to the present time. And when your invitation came a year ago at Denver for us to come to Portland, we knew what we would receive at your hands if we came here, and we are here. We came, and we are not disappointed. On every occasion we have been convinced that the people of Portland and Maine would entertain us as well or better than they have ever been entertained in any other city during the 60-odd years that we have met in national encampments at some city in the Nation. [Applause.]

I am happy to say that the citizens' committee of Portland have convinced us that we were right in our judgment as to what they would do for us when we came to them the second time, and I again thank you for your kindness and for your kind words of greeting.

It is a great satisfaction to us to know that we have met with a loyal, patriotic people in this city second to none in the United States. [Applause.] I want to say to you, Governor, and the president of the council—I thought I would meet the mayor, but I see you have changed that; it is only a change in words, that is all. I want to say to you that we expect, each one of us, to continue our work for patriotism and loyalty and do everything that we can to make our country better and continue to keep it the greatest country among the nations of the world.

I don't know but what you took some chance in inviting us to come next year, and it may be that some of us will stay with you and wait for the rest to come next year. But at any rate we have received the greatest consideration from your citizens committee, and we know that when we go away from here we will go away with an inspiration to do better than we have in the past for humanity, for our country; and again we thank you for this kind expression of welcome that we have received tonight. [Applause.]

Chairman WALLACE. We should like to have received the greetings at this time from the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. Their national president is Alice Cary Risley, and she was unable to be with us. I understand that she is somewhat infirm and was not able to be present.

Commander in Chief REESE. There are only two of the Army nurses of the Civil War present in the city.

Chairman WALLACE. We will then call upon the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Minnie T. Horseman.

Mrs. MINNIE T. HORSEMAN (president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Portland, Oreg.) Mr. Chairman, your excellency the Governor of this Pine Tree State, my own commander in chief, national officers of the allied organizations, Grand Army of the Republic, and friends: I deem it an honor and a privilege to bring to you to-night the greetings from the National Woman's Relief Corps. I also bring to you the greetings from my own Portland, Oreg. [Applause.] I wonder if you people who live in this city of Portland know that our Portland, Oreg., was named for your Portland, Me. [applause] and that name—we were named by the flip of a coin. There was quite a heated discussion as to whether we should be named Portland or Boston, and a coin was flipped and it resulted in Portland, Oreg:

Now, friends, as I said, I am glad to bring to you the greetings from the national organization and from my own Portland, and I am glad, too, and I feel highly honored that I am a member of the National Woman's Relief Corps and have been a member for many, many years. I wonder, too, if you know that more than 46 years ago a little band of women met in Denver, Colo. It was during a national encampment there, and they organized what is now known as the National Woman's Relief Corps. From that little band of women we have grown to a mighty organization of more than 175,000 loyal members. [Applause.]

Our organization is unique in this, that it is founded on the basis of loyal womanhood. Any loyal woman may join the Woman's Relief Corps. I am going to tell you, too, there are very few who belong to our organization that are not related to the Grand Army of the Republic. But we have some who are not, and some of our best workers; some of our very best workers are those who are just simply the loyal women who want to get in and help us.

At the time our organization was organized there was a solemn service performed. We were wedded to the Grand Army of the Republic. They took us as their auxiliary. I only hope they have taken us for better instead of worse. And I want to tell you, too, that we have been known as the strong arm of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we are going to continue on as being known as the strong arm of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And to-night I have a very pleasant duty to perform. I want Commander in Chief Reese to know that Christmas has come again. Commander in Chief Reese, I hold in my hand this little slip of paper. It says, "Pay to the order of John Reese, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, \$2,000."

Commander in Chief REESE. That is more money than I have ever had at one time.

Mrs. HORSEMAN. Now, commander in chief, you know very well that when that \$2,000 is exhausted all you have to do is to ask the Woman's Relief Corps for more, and it is yours. Come again. We have plenty; it is yours. That is what we are organized for—for the Grand Army of the Republic and their dependent ones. That is our aim.

We have branched off onto other lines. The Grand Army does not need as much as it used to need. We have taken up other lines, but I say to the Grand Army whenever they need help it is theirs.

Now again I want to thank these splendid people of Maine for the hospitality they have extended to us, and I am only hoping that you will ask us to come again, for I want to come again.

Chairman WALLACE. The invitation is extended.

Mrs. HORSEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I shall be here.

I also have a check for our dear angels of mercy, the Army nurses. I have a check here for \$100 that was to have been given to them, but Mrs. Risley is not here, so I shall defer that payment until another time.

Commander in Chief REESE. Can't you hand it over to me?

Mrs. HORSEMAN. But again I thank you for all this hospitality you have extended to us and, as I said, I shall only hope to come again.

Commander in Chief REESE. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this donation of \$2,000, but I anticipate that I must turn it over to the Grand Army of the Republic. I think that is what it is for, and I will try to see that it gets into the hands of our quartermaster, who takes charge of our funds, and we thank you for this help. You have always been ready at any time with kind words and sympathy for the sick comrades and their widows, and then besides that you have always come to us with help financially, and if it had not been for the Woman's Relief Corps and our other allied organizations making donations we might not have been able to carry on to this day. But now we feel, with the help of the Woman's Relief Corps and the other allied organizations, that we can and we are going to carry on for a long time yet. [Applause.] This is not the last encampment. We will have national encampments every year for a great many years in the future. I thank you again for this help and we will call on you later.

Mrs. HORSEMAN. Commander, may I ask if your officer who takes this money has a wife to spend it?

Commander in Chief REESE. The Grand Army is the wife of our quartermaster general who has charge of this, and he will spend it for their benefit.

The band played another selection, during which time Mrs. Alice Cary Risley, president of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, was escorted to the platform.

Chairman WALLACE. Had I delayed my announcement a few moments longer the announcement would have resulted differently. We are very happy that Mrs. Risley has been able to come down to the city hall auditorium this evening, and she will now present the greetings of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY, of Columbia, Mo. Commander in chief, members of all the auxiliaries, and our comrades: I come to bring you greetings from the few Army nurses of the Civil War left belonging to our association. I think there are only 11 living.

The Army nurses of the Civil War are passing away along with the comrades, and it is fitting that it should be so. I want to say—I haven't anything to tell about the last 40 or 50 years—When General Butler captured New Orleans he took part of the Nineteenth

Army Corps with him, and among those were several Maine regiments. I especially remember the Twelfth Maine and the Fourteenth Maine, and I think a little later the Twenty-fourth Maine were down in New Orleans.

One of the first boys to come under my care was John Bunton, of Portland, Me., who belonged to the Twelfth Maine, and he died in the St. James Hospital, New Orleans. Being an honorary member of the Nineteenth Army Corps myself, I have always wanted to come to Maine.

If there are any comrades here present who went with Banks up Red River, it might interest you to tell you that I went over that trail last May. I went from Alexandria, La., down through Opelousas, Carencro, Breaux Ridge, and St. Martinville to New Iberia on the Bayou Teche, where we were living when war was declared and where we were refugees and got out of New Iberia into New Orleans by the underground railroad. I came back to Alexandria through Lafayette, and up to Natchitoches on Red River. Natchitoches is the oldest city in Louisiana and one of the three oldest cities in the United States.

Now I can not tell you of all the things I have been doing the last five years because that don't interest you, but if there are any comrades who went up that Red River campaign or anyone who was in the hospitals of New Orleans with the Nineteenth Army Corps, I would like to have them come and see me at the Eastland Hotel. They would find me in the lobby. I sit in the lobby all the time, nearly.

May the good Lord be good to us all until we meet again.
[Applause.]

Mrs. HORSEMAN. Now comes the bouquet. Mrs. Risley, angel of mercy, next to the Grand Army of the Republic the Woman's Relief Corps loves the Army nurses, and to show their appreciation it is only too glad to present to you this little check for \$100.

Mrs. RISLEY. Please say "to the Army nurses." I was afraid you would think I was getting it.

Mrs. HORSEMAN. I should be glad to give it to you individually. We want you to use it as you think best.

Comrade FARWELL WALTON, St. Louis, Mo. (speaking from the audience). Commander, just one word, if you please. Mrs. Risley, who has just spoken, nursed me. I am the young soldier that she nursed in New Orleans in 1862.

Chairman WALLACE. She says that she would be very happy to see you over at the Eastland Hotel. From the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic the greetings are brought by the national president of the organization, Mrs. Cassea Hopper Orsborn.

Mrs. CASSEA HOPPER ORSBORN, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Weiser, Idaho. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, heads of the allied organizations, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and friends. It is indeed with pleasure that I bring you greetings to-night from the organization that I represent, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are banded together to teach patriotism, the lessons of Christian citizenship, and to proclaim the idea of one vast sisterhood of loyal, patriotic women, whose busi-

ness it is to teach and to practice the underlying principles of the golden rule. Dating back to the dark days of the Civil War and for a number of years following, various patriotic organizations were formed for the purpose of aiding the Grand Army of the Republic in their charitable and patriotic work. Among these I shall name only one, of which we are the outgrowth, the Loyal Ladies League, organized in New Jersey. They became a department in 1881. Then the next year Pennsylvania joined hands with them. Then followed Kansas, California, and Illinois. And just at this point it seemed expedient to form a national organization. So a convention was called in Chicago, Ill., by Mrs. Edward Robey, then department president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Department of Illinois.

The national organization that I represent to-night was instituted the 18th day of November, 1885. The ritual of the Loyal Ladies League of New Jersey was continued, but the badge of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Illinois was adopted. We are extremely proud of that badge, because it is so much like the Grand Army badge and was designed for us by them. We are extremely proud, too, of the name that they advised us to adopt, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But, Commander in Chief Reese and comrades of the Grand Army, while we are so proud of our badge and so proud of our name, we are still more proud of the eligibility you have given us, which gives us the right to wear the badge and bear the name. And we are working with you to the end that that name shall be perpetuated throughout all time.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic believed in the beginning, just as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic believe now, that the honor, the fame, and the undying glory of the heroes of the Civil War should fall on women of their own household, on women of their own flesh and blood; that no one could so care or honor or so appreciate the sacrifices made as could the mother who gave the veteran his life, or the wife who shared with him the hardships of the war, or the sister who watched and prayed for his safety through the conflict of carnage and death, or the daughter whose birthright is the heritage won by her father's valor. [Applause.] And so the membership was made up of that eligibility.

We can not forget, comrades, that in your young manhood or young boyhood it is, you left your mothers and your sisters and your sweethearts and your brides at an average age of 19½ years and went out to one of the most terrible wars this world has ever known. And at the end of five years of hardship, of trials, and unspeakable suffering you returned our beautiful flag to your Commander in Chief without spot or blemish or the loss of a single star. Comrades of the Grand Army, all praise and homage is due you for the splendid task you performed so nobly. And yet I seriously doubt if you could have succeeded so well as you did succeed had it not been for those splendid mothers of ours who were your brides and sweethearts at that time, and all praise and homage are due them also that we are to-day a free and united Nation, one of the greatest on the face of the earth.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic say very little about the financial side of their work, preferring rather to follow the example set by the Grand Army of the Republic to not let the left hand know what the right hand doeth. But I have been requested to-night by department presidents all over the United States to make just this financial statement of our relief work. During the past year—only this year—relief they have given, \$42,621. Relief other than money, which means services in clothing and food, \$65,537.14. To the Grand Army of the Republic, God bless them—they don't need it but we love to give it away—\$3,934. To the memorial fund of the South, \$827.94. To soldiers' homes, \$7,286.22. To orphans' homes, \$1,825.60.

Now there is one other item that they have asked me to mention, and that is the homes maintained throughout the United States by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. These homes are owned and operated by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I shall mention only two of them. I tried to get statistics from all, but I failed to do so. But I shall tell you of the largest one and the smallest one. The largest one of the homes owned and operated by the Ladies of the Grand Army is located near Pittsburgh, Pa. Pennsylvania owns two of these homes, but I shall mention only this one that I have visited and the others I shall not mention. The home at Pittsburgh, Pa., was established in 1890. It was destroyed by fire in 1900 but immediately rebuilt again. They now have a wonderful institution there, valued at \$100,000. It has a capacity of 105 beds and it is always full. It is run at an average cost of \$2,500 a month.

The smallest one of the homes of which I have any personal knowledge is located at Puyallup, Wash., my own department. A number of years ago there we purchased what is known as the Ezra Meeker Mansion, a wonderful old home standing in the center of a lot of 3½ acres, covered with beautiful trees imported by Mr. Meeker himself. The woodwork of the home is mostly imported. This home was purchased a few years ago at the remarkable price of \$8,000, less than one-fifth of the cost of building the home. But you leave it to women to drive a bargain. It is a bargain just the same. This home since that time has been remodeled considerably. Two hospital wings have been built on, a modern kitchen and a modern laundry added, and the plant is now valued at \$60,000. It is run at an average cost of \$1,000 a month.

Now I have told you of the largest one and the smallest one, and you may add the two together, strike a happy average, and multiply by the number of homes the Ladies of the Grand Army own and operate, and you will find that we are spending approximately \$105,000 a year taking care of the dependent loved ones of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In these homes owned, operated, and managed by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic we take no one who is eligible to the Government homes, but we search the county homes, the county hospitals, the almshouses, and wherever we find a woman with one drop of Grand Army blood in her veins we take her out of those institutions and put her in one of our Ladies of the Grand

Army of the Republic homes [applause], just as fast as we are able to make room for them. With all of those homes we have a long waiting list.

Mind you, my friends, I am saying nothing against our public institutions. They are wonderful things. God bless the people who are managing them—splended institutions, and I praise the people who are carrying them on. But I do say without the fear of successful contradiction that those institutions are not places for Grand Army people. [Applause.]

You know, friends, it took the hand of Divine Power to create this great country of ours. He covered its mountains with beautiful, stately forests, and then traversed the valleys with rivers and winding streams, then carpeted the entire surface with grasses and ferns such as only the hand of God could create, and when He had given it to us in all of its beauty and grandeur we called it "My America, sweet land of liberty."

And yet while it took the hand of Divine Power to create this wonderful country of ours, Commander Reese, it took you and your comrades and the fallen heroes of 1861 to 1865 to save it from destruction at the hand of its enemies. All praise and homage is due you for that splendid task, Commander Reese, and your comrades, that we are to-day the wonderful Nation that we are. Thanks to you, my comrades, to-day we have no North, no South, no East, and no West, but we are a free and undivided Nation under God with purposes high and holy. [Applause.]

The American people can never forget what the Grand Army of the Republic has done for this Nation. They must never forget. And that is the business of the allied organizations, of the Daughters and of the Sons and of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Woman's Relief Corps, to keep fresh in the minds of the people the debt of gratitude they owe to the Grand Army of the Republic—not only these splendid men we have with us to-night but those who have answered the last roll call. Their memories are ever green, ever fresh before us, and shall ever be before the American people, because when a people forget to be grateful and thankful for sacrifices rendered, that nation is doomed.

To-night, regardless of any political preference or religious creed, the allied organizations all are going forward under the same great banner of friendship, charity, and love—friendship for all patriotic and fraternal organizations; charity for those who do not agree with us; and love for all mankind. And, friends, it is my privilege to-night that I bring you greetings from the organization that I have the honor to represent—the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Reese, in the past it has been the custom of the retiring president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to present to the retiring commander in chief one of the most valuable gifts a Grand Army man ever received. So far as monetary value is concerned it does not mean much. But, Commander Reese, that represents sacrifices, a connecting link between you and the great principle for which you offered your very life. Commander in Chief, it is my great pleasure to-night and my privilege to present

to you this picture of Abraham Lincoln [applause], your commander, and with it, Commander Reese, I extend to you the love and the greetings and the very best wishes of every member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We know, Commander Reese, that you have given of yourself this year in working for your comrades and for our widows. We have followed you daily and, Commander Reese, we know that if your work of this year does not bear immediate fruit that the time is near when we will know that Commander Reese's efforts this year have not been in vain. He, in January, called me to Washington, D. C., and I want to say to you, I don't know what kind of a manager he is at home, but he certainly kept me busy for several days in Washington, D. C. He is a great manager. therefore a great commander in chief.

Commander Reese, with this picture again I say to you I give my personal love and greetings and the love and greetings of every member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief REESE. I appreciate this presentation of our Commander in Chief of the Union Army during the Civil War, 1861-1865. He was our commander. While he passed away sixty-odd years ago he still lives in the hearts of the people of America, not only in America but in the hearts of every civilization in the world. His spirit still lives, and he has influence over the loyal people of all countries. Now I thank you again for this presentation, a gift that I highly prize, and I will leave it to one of my comrades to respond to your fine presentation of your work in our order. You have always been ready to help us in anything that we needed, and I thank you again for this presentation of the picture of our Commander in Chief.

Mrs. ORSBORN. Thank you, Commander. I will tell you now a joke that Mrs. Reese and I have between ourselves. I wanted to make the commander a gift and I asked her what he wanted. She said, "A picture of Abraham Lincoln." So he has what he wanted.

Dear Sister Risley, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic appreciate your wonderful service, and we present to you a gift of gold. Dear Sister Risley, in doing this I feel as if I should stand with my hand over my heart presenting this to one of the angels of mercy. Dear Sister Resley, my mother was one of you. [Applause.]

Mrs. RISLEY. This is all there is of the Army Nurses' Association, so I did it all.

Chairman WALLACE. A message from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, from Hazel L. Riley, national president.

Miss HAZEL L. RILEY, Chicago, Ill. First of all I feel that I, as the representative of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, should express to Maine as a whole the thanks of my organization. When I accompanied our commander in chief and the heads of the allied organizations here in January to make arrangements for this encampment, I fell in love with Maine and its people, and the people of Portland, and I have looked forward to coming back to you. Everywhere I have been I have urged my people to come to your people and enjoy with them, with those of us who come from all over, your hospitality. We have looked forward; we are

looking forward to the balance of the week, and I can tell you truthfully that not one of you are going to be disappointed.

I am sorry to have been late this evening, but your Maine people made me late. My organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, the Department of Maine, had a party for me. We had a lovely, lovely party.

Now, I want to say to you that it is my happy privilege to come as the representative of my organization and to give to my commander in chief and the allied organizations, to our Army nurses, and to all of you, the best wishes of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We are happy in the fact that we were started 44 years ago. When you had your encampment here in Portland, Me., 44 years ago our organization was just in the making. We were incorporated on December 12, 1885, so we were not here with you then. But I am happy to say that we are with you now in great numbers. [Applause.]

I am not going to tell you all of the things that the Daughters do, but I am going to tell you how happy and proud we are to be allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, our fathers. [Applause.]

Into my organization can only come the daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters—and so we will continue to take in granddaughters—of the honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor, or marine of the Civil War. And to-night it is my happy privilege to greet my commander in chief as the representative of this organization that was started by a little band of schoolgirls 44 years ago. We are happy and proud of the fact that we were started by a band of schoolgirls who had helped their fathers on Memorial Day, and when it was time for the services there was a place for an organization of the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, composed of the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and relatives. And then, too, there was the organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army—not very much older than we—just a few months. And there was the organization of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, and it was a chance remark of your loyal William McKinley who said, "Where are the daughters?" That was the remark that started this little band of schoolgirls to form the organization that now is spread all over the United States.

I am happy to tell you that in this past year we have organized in the State of Vermont and in the State of Texas, and also have we a Tent in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Now to-night, my dear commander in chief, you have heard of things given with a string. And this is a little gift for our father organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. It is not quite as much as given by Mrs. Horseman, but it is only short \$500 of that. [Applause.] To you we give this that you may have the pleasure of turning it over to the quartermaster general. That is why the string is on it.

Commander in Chief REESE. You mean this I will turn over?

Miss RILEY. This that I am handing you. But this we are going to give to you and Mrs. Reese [presenting loving cup]. There is one handle for her and one for you. That is a loving cup of your daugh-

ters' organization, given to you to carry the dates of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1866, and the date of the organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, in the year 1885. This, you know, belongs to you from what it says on the face of it. You may keep that, but please give this to the quartermaster general. [Applause.]

This I did not put in an envelope, but, commander in chief, we are going to commission the Grand Army of the Republic, as in former years, to place this check, just \$500 short of that one, in the southern memorial fund. The \$1,500 check is for our fathers' living comrades; this \$1,000 check is for the graves of the Southland. [Applause.] I am not going to tell you all the money we have earned or what money we have given away; just going to let you know how much we are giving to you, our fathers.

Now, in your convention if I were to sum it all up from all over these United States it would be quite a lot to tell you, and I know you have so much, the same as the rest of us, for the balance of the week before you that we don't want to tire you out before you start. So, commander, just know that your daughters, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the organization allied to you that you took into the fold, your own children, that we love you. We have tried to prove it and want you to know that we do.

Commander in Chief REESE. My dear president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, we appreciate your kindness and we appreciate these checks that we receive. I will see that this goes to the quartermaster general. This \$1,000, that is for the——

Miss RILEY. Southern memorial fund.

Commander in Chief REESE. And that is needed. Our comrades in the South are not as strong financially. There are only a few of them, and to keep up their organization they need help like this, and I know that they will thank you from the bottom of their hearts for this donation. It is their business to see that the graves of our comrades, that are buried in the South, are decorated. In one cemetery that I visited a few years ago in Nashville, Tenn., there are over 17,000 of our comrades sleeping their last sleep in the Southland. It has been the duty of our comrades in the South to take care of the graves of our departed comrades, and for that purpose this check is needed and will go to their credit whenever it is needed by them.

I really appreciate having our Daughters. We are the largest family in the world, our Grand Army. There are less than 58,000 of us surviving, but we have a large family of sons and daughters that stand ready to help us at all times; and besides the sons and daughters we have the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army and the auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. They are added to our family, so we are the happiest people in the world because we have such a large family of patriotic, loyal daughters and mothers and sisters and sweethearts in our family. We will treat them all as if they were our daughters and our sons, which they are, and we thank you again for these donations and for this loving cup. That is very appropriate. It joins the love which has existed between my sweetheart and myself, so we will never surrender that love until we pass from this life. It will remind us of this meeting

here in Portland, Me., in all time to come—that is, all our time. And again we thank you for these donations and the kind words that you have expressed to us, and I will leave the response to your greetings to a comrade that will follow me and be much more able to express the real sentiment of the Grand Army to you than I am. Thank you again.

Miss RILEY. Now I want to at this time—now Sister Mother Nurse, as I call you——

Mrs. RISLEY. Don't say grandma.

Miss RILEY. You know how the daughters of the men that you saved for us love you. We have through years given to you a check for your association for \$100, but this year we decided that instead of giving \$100 for the association, because you do not have the expenses that you had other years, we would give to each one of you just a few little papers attached to this bouquet. It is sort of an old-fashioned bouquet, and the money is the latest sized bill—a combination of before, during the war, and after.

Now, Sister Cole, I want to say right now that in the Department of Wisconsin of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is Sister Cole, the first president of a tent named for her in Wisconsin. She is a Daughter as well as a nurse. [Applause.] Sister Cole, we give you this bouquet and the little bills attached. And if we had the third Army nurse who is here in the city—I did not give one to her, but I want to assure you that each one of your Army nurses are going to get a remembrance of this encampment, this convention of ours. They will not get the little bouquet, because it will be hard to send it. but they will get the same kind of bills each one of them.

Mrs. HELEN BRAINARD COLE, of Wisconsin. May I say that this bouquet goes to our colored nurse?

Miss RILEY. No; this one is for her.

Mrs. COLE. After Grant took Vicksburg she became an Army nurse and we called her Rosa. She is here in the city. She is being entertained by friends of hers. This is a most wonderful gift to her, for we never see any color in Rosa but the purest white. [Applause.]

Mrs. RISLEY. I want to say if I get any more money I am not certain I will be at the Eastland when you come to see me.

Miss RILEY. In the name of my organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War I want to express to you the thanks of the Daughters that many of the men you saved we could claim as fathers.

Mrs. RISLEY. Don't you think the Army Nurses made a good investment when they took care of the Boys in Blue?

Chairman WALLACE. There is so much money changing hands here back and forth I am commencing to get befuddled. The commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is Delevan Bates Bowley. He is present and will extend to us the greetings of his organization.

Mr. DELEVAN BATES BOWLEY, of California. Commander in chief, Governor, chairman of the executive council, national heads present, past, and future, members of the allied organizations, comrades of the Grand Army, and fellow citizens: I can assure you that it is a privilege and a pleasure and an honor to extend to you the greet-

ings of the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, especially when one does so from the platform upon which is seated one who, next to the President of our country, is the most beloved individual in our land. I refer to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I want to wish you, Judge Reese, and to you, Mrs. Horseman, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and to Mrs. Orsborn, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and to you, Sister Hazel Riley—pardon me, Sister Hazel Loretta Riley, national president of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—and to you my dear Army nurses, greetings from my association. I want to congratulate you upon making a mighty good job of nursing that comrade who is with us to-night. And last, but not least, the president of our own Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Elizabeth Hansen. I want to wish to all of these national heads a successful, harmonious, and effective encampment.

To his excellency, I want to say individually that I wish to congratulate him upon being the governor of one if not the most beautiful State in the American Union. I want to say that nowhere can you find such an ever-present growth of evergreen forestry, of ponds, of lakes, of streams, of fields of red clover, those old apple orchards that have such juicy and sweet-smelling and tasting apples as here in the grand old State of Maine. [Applause.] But in saying this to you I believe that I have a right to, because my father, my grandfather and my great-grandfather were all Maine men. [Applause.] I want to tell you that out in California we have all the rest except down here in Missouri, and they raise more mules than all the rest of the States in the Union put together.

I want to say to the mayor we will be glad to come back here next year, but I want to tell you that these allied organizations are growing rapidly. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is destined to be the grandest national patriotic organization in this country or any other country. [Applause.] And if you want us to come back, I hope you will build a few more hotels to take care of us. [Laughter.]

We are very grateful for all you have done. I can assure you, Mr. Mayor, and I tell you never have I met any truer hospitality than I have met here. [Applause.] I want to say to you that out in the Western States the men who are the sinew, the muscle, and the backbone of our municipalities and our States are usually Maine men or New Englanders. I want to tell you that we have a comrade here with us 93 years of age, who, at my request, organized a camp of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War just before he took the train to come from San Francisco clear here to Portland, Me. [Applause.] That speaks pretty good for longevity of men that come from Maine.

You have a reason to be proud of your State. You produced some of the greatest men and women in the Nation. I want to say to you that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War believe that the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, the allied organizations, and such organizations as the American Legion, the United Spanish War Veterans, and the Elks and all those wonderful veteran and patriotic organizations are identical for, and I believe we should

unite in the interest of, community welfare. And I want to say to you that we are all trying to keep forever fine the most beautiful emblem that was ever unfurled to the breeze—our glorious banner, the flag that our comrades saved from disgrace by their loyalty to the United States Government, and by their bravery in battle, by their sufferings, by their endurance, not only struck the shackles of slavery from 3,312,515 slaves, but saved our representative Republic for posterity [applause] and by so doing won the gratitude of North and South alike.

You have heard a great deal of talking to-night, and I just feel in the mood that I want to pay a tribute to our comrades in a verse of song. But before doing so, Mr. Mayor, I want to call, with your permission, the attention of this great audience to this hall that is decorated according to flag etiquette. [Applause.] You can look at every decoration there, and it is put on just right. [Applause.] And that is one of the things that our allied organizations are trained to teach to the people throughout the length and the breadth of our land—a greater love and a greater respect for our glorious Star-Spangled Banner, a flag that has never been raised in battle except for the betterment of all mankind, a flag that has never been lowered in defeat, a flag that has 48 visible stars and one invisible star, that shines as brightly in the firmament of Heaven as did the star of Bethlehem. [Singing.]

Comrades, comrades, we're all proud of you,
And love to sing the praises of our Boys in Blue
For you saved Old Glory;
We'll always tell the story
Of the Boys in Blue and Lincoln true,
We're mighty proud of you.

If you get a move on and do what you ought to do
Join some camp, get busy,
Tune up your old tin Lizzie,
And the girls will say,
Both night and day,
"We're mighty proud of you."

[Applause.]

Chairman WALLACE. The national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen, brings us greetings from her organization.

Mrs. ELIZABETH C. HANSEN, of Weehawken, N. J. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Reese, comrades of the Grand Army, his excellency the governor, and friends, brothers and sisters: It is an honor and pleasure, commander in chief, to be called on to extend the greetings of our organization, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our organization is composed of the wives and nieces, also daughters, of our dear old comrades. We expect as the mothers of the rising generation to instill the principles and the loyalty that we bear for our dear old comrades. We are proud of you. As the wife of a son of a veteran I am honored that I was able to get into this wonderful organization. Were it not for his heritage, would be on the outside looking in.

As a child, before our public schools taught patriotism and what our flag stood for, I remember that we had a flag, and I did not know the meaning of patriotism, for I guess I was about 5 or 6 years old. But I brought my little playmates from the other side of the street and showed them that wonderful flag. We had a streamer on that flag. I was so proud of it; we were the only ones in the neighborhood that had a streamer. Others had flags, but we had a streamer on our flag.

I can assure you when I was able to get into this organization as the wife of a son of a veteran I did not hesitate a minute. I have been so proud of this heritage. My children are proud of it, and I hope, as the years go by, when their families grow up, that they will be just as happy and honor their grandfather and the records of his comrades as we do.

I thank you for the privilege of coming here this evening and extending the greetings of our organization to your organization.

To you, Comrade Reese, my organization extends this little token of love. We want to assure you that we all always stand back of you. We are the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. We are striving to help them in perpetuating the grand memory of your comrades. I sincerely hope we will be able to come to you many, many years and extend our loyal support. This little token is presented to you. You may do with this as you please. We hope every dollar that is in this little gift you will find some enjoyment from.

Commander in Chief REESE. My dear president, we thank you for this contribution, and as the money comes in it adds years to our organization. And while we know that at the present time with the checks we have we could carry on for 15 or 20 years yet, it still comes in to us, and with these donations why I am convinced that the life of our organization will be extended more than 15 or 20 years—perhaps 25 years yet, and I don't know how much longer. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your contribution. This is another member of our family, the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, so you see that we are still doing pretty well, and we have got the largest family of any organization in the world, and how can we help but carry on when we have such strong support at all times. I thank you again for this, and I will see that it will go where it ought to go. I know it is intended for our organization, for the benefit of our comrades, and I will see that it goes to the proper place.

Mrs. HANSEN. Mrs. Risley, we tried to get in touch with you this afternoon to find out whether you were going to be here this evening.

[Music by the band.]

Chairman WALLACE. The program is nearly completed, but we have an additional number. The senior vice commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Paul C. Wolman, brings us a brief message.

Mr. PAUL C. WOLMAN, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Chairman, comrade Commander in Chief, friends of the Auxiliaries of the Grand Army of the Republic, and other friends: I feel almost like a baby appear-

ing before a gathering of men and women of an organization that has been in existence more than twice as long as the organization of which I have the proud privilege of being one of its national officers—the Veterans of Foreign Wars—feeling as a baby organization we ought to follow the old adage to be seen and not heard. However, I am going to digress from that general plan and with your kind privilege and consent, if you please, I want to present to you comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as the auxiliary organizations, the greetings of our commander in chief and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

As I said before, we are only approximately 30 years old. In fact during those 30 years or so those of us in the great majority who were in the World War over seas, as we sit down and reminisce over our experience of just a few years ago, we can not help but think that you, too, comrades, like to remember this beside your open fireplace. As I think of the things that you folks did more than 60 years ago, coming from the State of Maryland, which is almost on the borderline of the North and the South, I am prone to remember and to follow the history of our Civil War. I can not help but look back and read of the time—yes, you comrades here will remember even better than I, the 12th day of April, 1864. You also remember the latter part of May of 1865, when those of you who were in the armies of Meade and Sherman marched down the streets of Washington in your last gather-together march.

I am also glad to read the names of such men as Rutledge and Stephenson, who, I understand, are really the founders of your organization. And the reason I am so glad to read of those and to follow the histories set down by those men and carried on by you folks is because it teaches me as a national officer of that public organization, if you please, to carry on properly, to live after the wonderful motto that you comrades have set. I am sorry to say and sorry to have to realize that Almighty God calls to His own throne and bears you comrades one by one, and that your number has diminished from two and a half million men to what I understand your commander in chief has stated awhile ago, 58,000 or so. I would to God that we could all stay here, that we could all carry on and look out for each other. I hate to look at the gathering of you comrades and see the number diminish year after year.

When I do that, I am more firmly resolved that I for one will preach that idea of comradeship which to my mind not only means the taking care of ourselves but more immediately the care of our orphans and widows. So, comrades, as an officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I want to pledge to you that organization's support. They will take up anything you comrades want, anything you ask for, and anything that we may be able to do for you if you only request it.

So may I present again to you the greetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and tell you that we, all of whom have seen foreign service either in foreign lands or across waters, can appreciate what you went through. We can understand what the fathers went through in the Revolutionary time, and we can understand and appreciate what you went through during the Civil War. So do not

hesitate to call upon us for anything that we may do. We wish you Godspeed and success. We hope that you may meet together in many more encampments and that we may follow you each succeeding year as we have in the past; that we may have the wonderful advice and service and help at the end of your encampment of the future commanders in chief, and that they may meet with us in Washington and tell us what we should do and what we may do in the way of support to the Grand Army of the Republic. May I congratulate you?

Chairman WALLACE. A representative of the national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Lieut. T. James Gallagher, brings us a message.

Lieutenant GALLAGHER. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Reese, Grand Army of the Republic, the Governor of the State of Maine, the representative of the city of Portland, representatives of the allied organizations, comrade veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, guests, and friends, it is an extreme pleasure to appear before you this evening to carry to the members, veterans, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic the greetings of the national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. He personally for himself and for the members of that organization desires me to offer to you his sincere best wishes and good hopes for the continued success of your organization, for the continued good welfare and health of each and every member of your organization.

For myself I will state that I was born in the shadow of Bunker Hill, close to Lexington and Concord. In the town where I live there remain eight comrades in the post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Since boyhood I have looked upon those men as examples of American citizenship, wonderful examples of uprightness, manhood, and everything that could be expected of an American citizen. Personally and for myself I will state to you that I hope that they have some time or other, either recently or in the past, imbibed the waters of perpetual life in order that they may not pass on, in order that they may live possibly forever—at least beyond my scope of life—so that they will ever remain to me an example of what I might be [applause]; and I wish that for each and every member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am a member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The first time I met my comrade Paul Wolman—I will state for the Disabled American Veterans of the World War that it is a very small organization, very small in the East and somewhat larger in the West and Middle West. Without detracting from the work and efforts and success of the other organizations, we maintain that the Disabled American Veterans of the World War are fully capable of presenting their rights, their reasons for organization, and so forth, to the public of the United States. Without any further statement I will present to you in brief remarks the desires of this organization at the present time, as Commander in Chief Murphy has instructed me to present them to you.

The organized disabled of the World War have ever been in favor of adequate preparedness [applause], at the same time favoring any reasonable effort to lessen the chances of war [applause].

Nevertheless we feel that the trimming of appropriations of the War Department must not interfere with the already prepared activities of the National Guard, the Organized Reserve, and the citizens' military training camps, because those units have been and will be called upon to bear the brunt in any future war in which this country may be called upon, as it has ever been called upon, as the citizen soldiery of this country has ever borne the brunt in any war that this Republic has ever entered into.

The national defense act is a safe, sound, and reasonable plan of preparedness without being militaristic, yet we feel that to tolerate a cessation of cruiser building, a cessation of our activities in the maintenance of the militia, of organized reserves, and of citizens military training camp activities would be to throw us back into the same status of unpreparedness that existed prior to the World War, and everybody knows just what happened at that time based upon the fallacious theory that you could call instantly upon millions of men to answer, and to answer to what? Without men to train them, without proper preparation. We maintain that that is absolutely fallacious.

No one detests war more than those who have suffered the curse of war, and we feel that therefore the disabled American Veterans of the World War have a right to be heard upon any such point as this. [Applause.]

I was instructed to be brief, and therefore I shall close at this point with the reiteration of the sentiments and desires of the national commander that I carry to you his best wishes for your continued success as an organization and for the continued success and health of each and every member of your organization. [Applause.]

Chairman WALLACE. Past Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic J. W. Willett will give the response to the greetings presented.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT, of Iowa. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, members of the allied societies, comrades and fellow citizens. I am not sufficiently egotistical to think that it would become me to talk at any considerable length in closing this meeting. The task would be colossal if I should undertake in detail to do that which might reasonably be expected. We see the virtue of the old adage that "there is a divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will."

The Grand Army of the Republic sixty-odd years ago was the strongest organization of a semimilitary character that this world ever saw, and they trotted along in single harness for a while without auxiliary or allied organization. About 47 years ago at the city of Denver they took on the auxiliary known as the Woman's Relief Corps. They took on an allied organization of kinfolks known as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And it has proven that their judgment was good and they builded wiser than they knew, because the fact is apparent now at this time that if it was not for the assistance of these allied organizations they could not very long continue to function. The expense of maintaining the Grand Army of the Republic and of these annual meetings is considerable, and our comrades could not meet it. We are very fortunate and congratulate ourselves in the extreme to think and know that we have in these

allied organizations and auxiliary the helping hand that will enable us to go on to the end in our progress.

I can not particularize. You have seen the exhibition. I want to apologize to this audience and say that always when I get on the east coast there are two or three days' hoarseness. If I were to visit with you longer my voice would clear up. But as it is now I see that I have the malady. It is apparent, I say, that without the assistance of these organizations we would not continue to function more than a few years longer. As it now stands we have the old organization, the auxiliary of the Woman's Relief Corps, that has given us \$2,000 to-day—a thousand dollars next month, and maybe another two or three thousand dollars before the next encampment. We see the ladies of the Grand Army working on the side in the several States and other localities in charities to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It is not possible that this organization should cease to exist until every last comrade has gone to the Great Beyond. We realize that in these magnificent organizations we have a perpetuity of purpose, and then we take the infants—the little girl that comes in here from the Daughters of Union Veterans and pours money out into the coffers of the Grand Army of the Republic for various purposes, just as though it was gathered up by the handful. I know of her charities. I do not personally know of the others. But it goes without saying that they are just as supreme as is her charity.

I know what the people of the imperial city of Chicago think of the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans. [Applause.] She is the child of their fortune, and they huddle around her at gatherings just as if she was the little mother, and I am proud of her because I know her individual performance.

Indeed, we have a coterie of admirers and supporters in these organizations that we can not with good grace single out one of them and praise them greater than we do the others. They are all superb. Each fills the niche; each is handsome as the other—barring the question of age, perhaps—and, of course, a woman is only as old as she looks. [Applause.] And I am told that in the new version that the man is old when he quits looking. [Laughter.] And in that connection I call your attention to the fact that there is not a comrade within the sound of my voice that has quit looking, unless he is totally blind. [Applause.]

Now, I am not going to go into further details. I want to say a word or two of commendation for the city of Portland. I have stated this before in the civic organizations of this city since I have been here. I was induced to labor to come to Portland, Me., by the seductive talk and mannerism of Major Singer. I don't know, I don't see him here to-night, but he said, "Come to Portland, Me., and we will accommodate you and render you the hospitality upon the rock-bound coast of Maine such as you have been accustomed to elsewhere in all of your entourage of the United States."

We came. You have greeted us. The inclemency of the weather this evening showed your extreme disposition to do everything in the utmost to take care of us here. You have hauled us down here; you are ready to take us home or to our bedding place for the night. We are just in the beginning, fairly, of this encampment, and judg-

ing from the beginning, why the end will see you transported in veneration to the Great Beyond before your time by their conduct.

Shall we come again? I hope the day will arrive when we will come again, but I resent the proposition that we come next year, because my own State is ready to proffer you an invitation to come to the city of Des Moines, Iowa [applause], where you have been cared for twice within a decade. And when you have no other place to go, tell us that you are ready to come to the city of Des Moines, and our legislature will make the minimum appropriation of \$15,000 or \$20,000, and the patriotic city of Des Moines and its patriotic societies will produce the balance. [Applause.] We are going to make an offer—a proposition—to the encampment for you to come to Des Moines, and before you think of coming back to Portland, Me., again make your Des Moines trip in order to simply eat the corn of our State. Come back here and take something else, even if it is milk.

Now, I am not going to lengthen this talk. I want you to excuse me in my voice. Ordinarily it is like a drum, but to-night I know it is hackled. I mean what I say when I say to the mayor, to the citizens of Portland, that we have not met in all these years with a community that has treated us with more courtesy, cordiality, and tenderness of manner than have your people down to the present time; and we know you could not do it differently if you were to try. I thank you.

Chairman WALLACE. For the city of Portland may I express to Past Commander Willett our deep appreciation of his words. The benediction will be pronounced by the chaplain in chief, the Rev. J. King Gibson, and I am going to ask that the audience will kindly rise during the pronouncing of the benediction, which will be followed by the playing of "America."

Miss Riley will make an announcement first.

Miss HAZEL L. RILEY. May I extend at this time to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic an invitation to be present at our Fathers' and Daughters' dinner to-morrow evening? It will be in the Masonic Temple of this good city of Portland. While we do not expect the rain that they have given us to-night, the management of the city have said that if on the evening of our Fathers' and Daughters' dinner it rained, that they would close off the street and put up a canopy across from the Masonic Temple into the city hall so that we can take you from our Fathers' and Daughters' feast into their wonderful city hall auditorium and you will not have any of the weather. So we extend to you a cordial invitation to come and be the guests of your daughters to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock. I have to make a change in my orders that were sent out. We had it scheduled for Wednesday; although your program carries it correctly, my orders did not.

Chairman WALLACE. Mrs. Orsborn would also like to make an announcement.

Mrs. CASSEA HOPPER ORSBORN. To-morrow evening at 6 o'clock the Ladies of the Grand Army extend to all mothers present an invitation to attend a mothers' and fathers' banquet. We hope that every mother here who has not been reached will let us know just where we can find you. You are cordially invited, every mother

present. and father, to attend a banquet to-morrow night—those who have not already pledged to go to the Daughters'. It need not in any way interfere, but we are taking care of the mothers while the fathers are being entertained by these dear daughters.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON, of Dayton, Ohio. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Thereupon. at 10.52 o'clock p. m., the audience dispersed.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Wednesday evening, September 11, 1929, the Portland Music Commission presented the following complimentary organ recital by Charles Raymond Cronham, municipal organist, to the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the city hall auditorium.

1. Carnival Overture-----Dvorák
 Dvorák has left a clew to the meaning of this overture. He "imagines the lonely wanderer reaching the city at nightfall where a carnival of pleasure reigns supreme. On every side is heard the clangor of instruments, the people giving vent to their feelings in songs and dance tunes." The overture opens with a vigorous theme succeeded by a more quiet figure. This, in turn, is followed by the opening theme, leading to an episode sometimes called the love scene. An abrupt return of the opening theme and its development bring the overture to a close.
2. Berceuse-----McWhood
 Leonard B. McWhood, formerly associate professor with Edward MacDowell at Columbia University, now professor of music at Dartmouth College, composer of many pieces for orchestra, chorus, and organ.
3. Ronde Francaise-----Boëllmann
 A rondo is a composition in which a theme is presented at the outset and recurs at intervals afterwards with episode or digressive passages between.
4. Fireside Fancies-----Clokey
 The Wind in the Chimney.
 Grandfather's Wooden Leg.
 Grandmother, Knitting.
 The Kettle Boils.
5. Night of Spring-----Cronham
6. Intermezzo -----Macbeth
7. Juanita -----Spanish Melody
 Arr. Cronham
8. Carmen Fantasie -----Bizet
 George Bizet (1838-1875) composed several operas and overtures, but failed to win success until the performance of his incidental music to Daudet's *l'Arlesienne* (1872). This music and the remarkable success of *Carmen* won him lasting fame.

PORTLAND'S MUNICIPAL ORGAN

The Kotzschmar memorial organ was presented to the city of Portland by Cyrus H. K. Curtis in 1912. On August 22 of that year the organ was dedicated, and thus was established as the first of its kind in America a municipal musical activity, under the auspices of a music commission, recognized by the municipal government as one of its departments.

The organ was built by the Austin Organ Co., of Hartford, Conn., and as originally presented to the city in 1912 contained 91 stops

and 5,200 pipes. A recent gift of Mr. Curtis has enabled the city to bring the organ up to the most modern standard and to enlarge the instrument to 177 stops and over 6,500 pipes.

Portland is most grateful to Mr. Curtis, not only because of his generosity but also because of his interest in the development of municipal music. Portland's organ now becomes the largest municipal organ in America.

In all the organ contains 6,518 pipes, 177 stops and couplers, 258 metal bars and tubes, 5 other percussion, 56 combination pistons and pedals, and 27 other accessories.

PORTLAND'S MUNICIPAL ORGANIST

Charles Raymond Cronham was organist and instructor in music at Dartmouth College during 1919-1923, and organist and director of music at the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, N. Y., 1923-24. He was appointed municipal organist at Portland in December, 1924, and is also conductor of the Portland Municipal Orchestra.

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held Wednesday forenoon, September 11, 1929, are taken from the Portland papers of that and the following day:

[Evening News]

2,500 HEROES JOIN 12,000 OTHERS IN STIRRING PARADE—CITY PAYS GREATEST TRIBUTE AS AGED VETERANS MARCH IN HEART-GRIPPING SPECTACLE—GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSMAN NELSON IN REVIEWING STAND

By LORIN L. ARNOLD

With only a small percentage of them feeling it necessary to ride in automobiles, approximately 2,500 Grand Army men of the Nation, Wednesday forenoon, marched down Congress Street in the best of spirits in what probably will be the final national parade in Maine and New England for the "Boys in Blue." They were accorded one of the greatest tributes received in any city as the line of march, numbering 15,000, passed in review.

It was the Grand Army men's gala day of their Sixty-third National Encampment, and, with the invigorating atmosphere in their favor, nearly all, representing almost every State in the country, kept the pace and displayed spryness of men many years younger. Every Grand Army man in the parade was at least 80 years old, and many are nearing the 90-year mark or over.

Only a few minor fatigued cases marred the parade. Veterans who became tired after the tedious walk from Longfellow Square to city hall were given quick attention and taken to their respective headquarters in ambulances stationed at vantage points along Congress Street.

One of these was Comrade Ira F. Tibbetts, 90-year-old veteran of Boston.

Among the special guests in the special reviewing stand for Commander in Chief John Reese and his official staff were Gov. William Tudor Gardiner, of Maine, and Congressman John E. Nelson, of Augusta, Representative to Congress from the third district, who were accompanied by Attorney Robert Hale, of Portland, speaker of the house of representatives at the Maine Legislature last winter.

Governor Gardiner, a World War veteran himself, stood in the reviewing stand during most of the parade doffing his "stovepipe" hat to the "grand old men of the country."

The Grand Army men were a happy group. They were chipper, spry, and enthusiastic, as evidenced by the smiles they cast toward the throngs that lined Congress Street on either side. Although a great many of the "Boys in Blue" used canes, and in several instances crutches, there were times when some of the Civil War veterans forgot themselves and danced a jig to the tune of the music and "cut up" generally.

It was not an unusual scene to see a veteran step out of line to shake a fair lady's hand on the side lines or to throw a kiss to a smiling and admiring damsel. "You'll get lost," somebody shouted to one of the "boys" as he stepped out of line from his department. "I'll catch up," he replied with a chuckle.

The Betsy Ross Quartette from Ohio, attired in spreading hoop skirts of flowered calico, with bonnets to match, added a touch of color to the gay scene.

Few women's organizations were represented in the line of march, but those few lent a bright, colorful touch to the blue uniforms of the old veterans.

One of the pathetic scenes during the parade presented itself as the Department of Michigan Grand Army passed in review, when a Civil War veteran, said to be about 85 years old, was seen hobbling along slowly—not with one cane or a crutch but on two canes. Despite his handicap, however, this comrade cast a smile of contentment and happiness and waved greetingly to the assembled mass.

A large percentage of the "Boys in Blue" assisted themselves along the line of march with canes, while several were on crutches. One from Virginia even went the distance in the parade with only one leg, having lost the other in the Civil War. Several were aided by women attendants.

Utah and Idaho departments of the Grand Army took all honors by having the least number of veterans in line of march, with each having only one member in the parade.

Another feature which attracted the attention of the thousands of men, women, and children who witnessed the hour and a half parade was the presence of the Virginia-North Carolina representation, which numbered only four colored Civil War veterans. Likewise, the Louisiana-Mississippi veterans, numbering eight, were colored.

The crowds cheered lustily as the Rhode Island Grand Army men and their delegation passed in review, for these Civil War veterans were attired in natty white trousers, blue coats, and white caps. They were the only Grand Army men attired in this style of uniform. The ovation accorded them continued for several moments.

Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania were the three States to have the largest representation in the parade, although several others from various sections of the country were close runners-up. Nebraska Department, Grand Army of the Republic, with which Commander in Chief Reese is affiliated, had a fairly large delegation.

A few minutes before the principal ranks of the parade reached City Hall, Commander in Chief Reese and his official staff were taken to the special reviewing stand, where they were greeted by Governor Gardiner and other officials, including City Manager James E. Barlow, Chairman Lester F. Wallace, of the city council, Commander Adolph Andrews and Admiral William Veazie Pratt and the official staff of the flagship *Texas*, Congressman Nelson, Speaker of the House Hale, and others.

As Commander Reese and his official staff alighted from automobiles they were accorded a thunderous ovation from the hundreds seated in the stands on the steps.

Hours before the veterans slowly wended their way down Congress Street there were hundreds of men, women, and children lining the street, while a large number were perched on roofs of the city's buildings and in office windows all along the line. A crowd found advantageous seats atop the Portland fire station. A large police detail encountered considerable difficulty in keeping the anxious spectators back of the lines.

Thrills galore were provided for the throngs a few minutes before the parade began when a lone airplane, leaving a grist of confetti to fall along Congress Street, barely cleared some of the building roofs in the vicinity of city hall, near the New Chase House. Spectators gasped as this "ship" swooped down at what many called "an unreasonable" level.

Several other airplanes, including two Navy craft, roared over the city for considerable time during the formation of the parade in salute to the Grand Army men and men of the allied organizations, but these maintained a comparatively high altitude.

Capt. Hugh F. McDonough, of the Portland police department, who marched in the Grand Army men's parade during the national encampment in Portland in 1885, was one of the outstanding figures in Wednesday's procession. Captain McDonough headed the parade, preceding the police platoon, after Commander Reese had been taken to his reviewing stand in front of city hall.

Evidence that the ranks of the Maine Grand Army men is thinning fast was presented when the Pine Tree State delegation, which compared favorably in number with other departments, revealed that many have answered the last call within the past few years. Probably the greatest of ovations and demonstrations given during the parade went to the Maine delegation.

Preceding the Department of Ohio G. A. R. veterans marched Mrs. Peter Redding's Fife and Drum Corps. This corps kept up a running fire of snappy music.

The New Philadelphia (Ohio) Fife and Drum Corps, composed of members of Daughters of Union Veterans from Tent 80, was the first women's musical group in the city hall stand. In their white dresses, with vivid red coats, blue brimmed, military hats, they drew the hearty applause of the onlookers, who were enthusiastic over the martial strains they were playing.

A group of Wisconsin women, in white dresses, red capes, and blue hats, marching near the end of the parade, were the last women to be seen in the procession, with the exception of a few who accompanied the more feeble veterans who rode in automobiles.

[Evening Express]

SPECTACLE IS MOST COLORFUL IN CITY HISTORY—TEARS MINGLE WITH CHEERS AS VETERANS PASS MULTITUDE LINING STREET—15 BANDS AND DRUM CORPS FURNISH MUSIC—MILITARY, NAVAL, AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS REVIEW PROCESSION—CAPTAIN McDONOUGH HEADS PARADE AS IN 1885

By ROBERT B. BEITH

The remnant of the great army that saved the United States from disintegration, 900 warriors whom time has begrudgingly spared, marched in Portland this morning, while 500 more rode in automobiles affording more than 75,000 people with a colorful spectacle surpassing any in the city's history.

The thin line of marchers contrasted pathetically with that mighty band of soldiers who paraded through Portland streets at the G. A. R. encampment 20 years after Civil War hostilities had ceased and the Nation was again united.

Then thousands of veterans marched with spry rhythmic step, the stamp of the soldier still in their bearing. Death and age had not yet had time to accomplish what powder and steel had failed, and the veterans were at the peak of their manhood.

To-day, 64 years after the war's end, those veterans from all over the country who have fought and won the battle of life even as they did the martial conflicts, appeared for the second time on Portland streets, but now showing the scars of age.

Tears mingled with cheers as the old soldiers, many of them bravely marching with crutches and canes, passed in review before the multitude lining Congress Street.

Two hundred and fifty members of the Sons of Union Veterans with an equal number of musicians served as escorts to the aged veterans. Fifteen bands and drum corps were in line, providing stirring patriotic music. Scores of stands of colors lent to the color of the spectacle.

Despite the fact that to-day's parade is inevitably one of the last for the G. A. R., the veterans were cheerful and gay. Their smiles, cheers, and happy waves were as spontaneous as the day when they gaily and victoriously marched through the streets of their home towns, returned safely from the 4-year conflict.

While many of them doubtless sadly remembered the long ago days when they firmly trod Congress Street, such emotions were not apparent. Every veteran smiled proudly and happily. They seemed to have forgotten their canes and crutches. They seemed to be unaware of their limping and faltering steps.

The pounding of the drums and shrilling of the fifes awaken that something which ever lives in every old soldier's soul. Feeble limbs and bodies became strong. Sagging heads were held high and dim eyes, those old eyes that have seen so much, shone brightly. The spirit of youth, slumbering in their hearts, found new life and expressed itself in their joyous manner.

While the eyes of the watchers saw but a straggling column of venerable men, jauntily wearing a varied assortment of military uniforms, there was a patriotic significance to that slender group of survivors which brought a quickening of the pulse and a queer feeling in the throat.

There marched men who were more than old soldiers, veterans of terrible battles and life. There marched, for one of the last times, the survivors of the gallant band of men who fought that their country might not be severed. Their valor in battle, their sacrifices made possible the great country that is the United States to-day.

As one watched them file past, one was made to wonder what turn history would have taken had they not taken to the field for the Union. Upon those old shoulders rests all of the glory of this Nation. But for them two Nations, divided, might stand where one now stands. The tragedy of their passing was more forcibly realized as they paraded this morning.

Thousands of people poured into the city this morning from Maine towns and cities. Hundreds, arriving all week from various parts of the country, with the thousands here personally connected with the sessions of the G. A. R.

and its allied organizations, lined Congress Street from Longfellow Square to city hall. Citizens of Portland and school children, dismissed from classes for the great occasion, swelled the crowd, packing the sidewalks, office-building windows, roofs, and other places of vantage.

Policemen, Boy and Girl Scouts, and volunteers were pressed into service to control the crowd. Order prevailed, however, so intent were the watchers on the moving spectacle before them. Except for the hearty cheers that broke out every time a detachment of veterans passed by, the crowd was silent, perhaps the better to appreciate the significance of the occasion.

Following the police escort and the special cars bearing Commander in Chief Reese and his staff, came the blue jacket band of the U. S. S. *Texas*. A detachment of approximately 250 members of the Sons of Veterans, uniformed, marched in formation next, preceding the first G. A. R. men.

Then came 52 veterans of the Department of Illinois, followed by 17 from Wisconsin. Ninety Pennsylvania veterans, wearing their forage caps which saw service in the war, were followed by 50 from Ohio. New York was next with 58 in line. Michigan was represented by 10 marchers and three veterans in automobiles.

Leading the Pennsylvania delegation was the Westbrook Boys' Band. The New Philadelphia, Ohio, Women's Fife and Drum Corps led the men from Ohio.

After the Michigan veterans came 36 from Connecticut. A Biddeford band played patriotic airs for 132 marching Massachusetts old soldiers and 12 in cars. The snappy Sanford American Legion Band was next in line, preceding New Jersey's delegation of 29. Rhode Island veterans, wearing white trousers and a white pink in their coat lapels, numbered 16 and were followed by the War Veterans Fife and Drum Corps. Next came four colored veterans from Virginia and North Carolina, all limping and depending upon crutches and canes.

Maryland and Nebraska were next, respectively, represented by 16 and 14 veterans, the Nebraska men each carrying silk American flags. Another group from the Department of Michigan comprising 20 members of a peppy fife and drum corps and 24 marchers, preceded the Rigby Band. Iowa's 13 veterans each wore a red flower and carried a large ear of corn.

Three Wisconsin veterans, proudly bearing their department flag and the national colors, marched ahead of 28 members of the Department of Indiana. Colorado had 15 veterans in line and Kansas, 44. Minnesota with its band was represented by 14 old weavers of the blue, and Missouri with 13.

Louisiana and Mississippi department standards were carried by 10 negroes, veterans of the Union Army. Two old soldiers from Oregon represented their State in the parade, and 12 from Kentucky, including 3 negroes, were next in line. Then came 10 from West Virginia, 1 marching with but one leg and a crutch; 6 from South Dakota; 2 from Alabama; 5 from Arkansas.

Washington had 5 veterans in line and distant Alaska was represented by 1 old hero. Utah followed with 2 veterans, and Florida with 7. Four veterans represented the Department of Montana and 2 the Department of Georgia. North Dakota's delegation was 7 and Idaho's, 1. Chandler's Band followed, and the Department of Maine with 35 veterans in line brought up the rear.

Then followed 500 veterans in automobiles, and the great parade was over.

Portland is one of the last cities to witness this magnificent spectacle and, if the enthusiasm of the large crowd can be accepted as an indication, it is appreciative of the honor it has received in entertaining for the second time the men who preserved the Union and made possible the United States of America.

As the parade swung by the huge city hall grandstand and the reviewing stand, the Grand Army veterans saluted their commander in chief, John Reese, of Broken Bow, Nebr., and the civilian, military, and naval notables who occupied the front row.

With Commander and Mrs. Reese in the stand were Gov. William Tudor Gardiner, Congressman John E. Nelson, Lester F. Wallace, chairman of the city council, City Manager James E. Barlow, Robert Hale, speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, Arthur W. Jordan, a member of the city council, Brig. Gen. James W. Hanson, Col. Frank E. Lowe of the governor's staff, Admiral A. J. Hepburn, chief of staff to commander in chief of the naval fleet, Col. S. G. Shartle of the United States Army, Capt. Adolphus Andrews, commanding officer of the U. S. S. *Texas*, Lieut. Commander C. T. Durgin of the *Texas*, Judge Max L. Pinansky of the Portland Municipal Court, and the

past commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of Commander Reese's official staff.

The massive parade, consuming more than an hour, moved from Longfellow Square to the city hall auditorium with additional detachments joining in at Park Street and High Street. Police Captain Hugh McDonough, who led the parade in 1885 when the Grand Army trooped through Portland, headed to-day's march with a special squad of patrolmen, who were continually applauded. Members of this platoon were John F. Newell, David B. Gray, Mathew J. Kirby, Clarence F. Hofacker, Parson C. MacVane, William A. Skerrit, Walter Mank, Cody Walker, George Lawrence, Clifford White, and Ernest Gibbon.

Following the special car carrying Commander Reese were George A. Hosley of West Somerville, Mass., chief of staff of the Grand Army, and members of the commander's staff.

[Press Herald]

THE G. A. R. PARADE

The Grand Army of the Republic staged its last great review in Maine yesterday when it marched through the streets of Portland before thousands of people. Never again will the citizens of this State witness such a spectacle as this parade afforded. Never again will they be accorded an opportunity, in this part of the country at any rate, of seeing together so many men whose eyes had looked upon the faces of some of the great men whose names are indelibly recorded in the pages of history.

Among them were men who had seen the immortal Lincoln and perhaps listened to his voice. Some of them had followed Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Meade, Logan, and other great commanders of the Union Armies into battle. Perhaps among them were many who saw Pickett's charge at Gettysburg; who marched with Sherman through Georgia to the sea; who looked upon the fight between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*; who were with Farragut at New Orleans and Mobile; or who saw the Confederates lay down their arms at Appomattox.

There could not have been a veteran in the parade who was under fourscore years of age, while there were a great many who had passed the span of four-score years and ten. They marched with the spirit of youth but some of them with tottering, infirm steps. Their eyes which have seen so many stirring scenes were animated with the sparkle of undying patriotism but many of the thousands who saw them were oppressed by the conviction that it will not be long before the most of those they saw in line yesterday will have passed into the shadows of the Great Unknown.

Fortunately among those privileged to witness this great review were hundreds of school children upon whom the spectacle made a profound impression. To these children the army on parade was like one that might have been materialized from the pages of history. In the years to come these boys and girls will remember that when they were young they looked upon these veterans of the Civil War, just as until a few years ago there were some living who recalled having seen groups of aged veterans stepping out to the drum beat who had fought with Washington in the War of the Revolution. Such sights tend to fan the embers of patriotism and love for the flag which so many thousands of our soldiers and sailors have fought under.

There were pathetic groups in this parade which touched the heartstrings of all who saw them. The veterans with empty sleeves or hobbling along on crutches; the courageous men who marched with their comrades and were supported in their last great parade by the arm of a daughter or a grandchild; the few colored veterans who had fought with others of their race to help Lincoln liberate the slaves. These are pictures which will never fade from the minds of those who were fortunate enough to see them.

In the Civil War Maine sent thousands and thousands of her sons to fight in the Union Armies. A great many of them found graves in the Southern States. Of those who returned to their homes there were very few who were present to participate in the last great parade which the G. A. R. will hold in this State. But Maine will never forget these valiant sons nor will she fail to remember the glory they reflected upon this State by their deeds. They have handed down a priceless heritage which Maine citizens will cherish forever.

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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Broken Bow, Nebr., September 26, 1928.

I. Having been elected and installed commander in chief by the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. The following officers were elected and installed:

Senior vice commander in chief: James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Junior vice commander in chief: Henry J. Kearney, New York City.

Surgeon general: S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, Calif.

Chaplain in chief: J. King Gibson, Dayton, Ohio.

Officers appointed:

Adjutant general: Thomas J. Smith, McCook, Nebr.

Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant quartermaster and custodian of records: Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff: George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.

Executive committee: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.; William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.; David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Ind.; W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.; J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.; William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.; Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, Ohio.

Portland, Me., was chosen as the place where the national encampment is to be held in 1929.

Permanent headquarters and further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

JOHN REESE, *Commander in Chief.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Broken Bow, Nebr., November 1, 1928.

I. The commander in chief takes this opportunity to express to the members of the Sixty-second National Encampment his heartfelt gratitude for their loyal support and friendship, conferring on him the highest honor in the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic. He fully realizes the responsibilities he has assumed and his constant endeavor shall be to advance the causes in which the Grand Army of the Republic is interested.

II. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic has been established at 707 H Street and Eleventh Avenue, Broken Bow, Nebr., where all official communications should be addressed.

III. The officers elected by the Sixty-second National Encampment are announced as follows:

Commander in chief: John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.

Senior vice commander in chief: James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Junior vice commander in chief: Henry J. Kearney, New York City.

Surgeon general: S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, Calif.

Chaplain in chief: Rev. J. King Gibson, Dayton, Ohio.

Past commander in chief, Louis F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa., was reelected trustee of the permanent fund for three years.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: George F. Jackson, 912 Highland Street, Edgewood.

Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles.

Colorado and Wyoming: William Wilson, Denver.

Connecticut: Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.

Delaware: No report.

Florida: William Jubb, St. Petersburg.

Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald.

Idaho: C. L. Longley, Twin Falls.

Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.

Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.

Iowa: Oley Nelson, Slater.

Kansas: E. W. Phillips, Wichita.

Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.

Louisiana and Mississippi: John Sagustus, Vicksburg.

Maine: Nathaniel W. White, Augusta.

Maryland: George Prechtel, Baltimore.

Massachusetts: Henry Clark, Cambridge.

Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.

Minnesota: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.

Missouri: A. Whipple, 4160 Castleman Avenue, St. Louis.

Montana: George I. Reiche, Helena.

Nebraska: Edwin F. Brown, 832 North Thirtieth Street, Lincoln.

New Hampshire: H. S. Paul, Portsmouth.

New Jersey: W. O. Allen, Newark.

New Mexico: No report.

New York: Louis H. Vallee, Delmar.

North Dakota: Charles Cotter, Fargo.

Ohio: E. P. Taggart, Akron.

Oklahoma: L. C. Coffin, Elgin.

Oregon: Charles A. Baker, Portland.

Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.

Potomac: John Middleton, Washington, D. C.

Rhode Island: Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence.

South Dakota: H. P. Carson, Huron.

Tennessee: No report.

Texas: E. M. Ketchum, Galveston.

Utah: J. M. Van Dervoort, Salt Lake City.

Vermont: John A. Thwing, Bellows Falls.

Virginia and North Carolina: H. W. House, Portsmouth.

Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy, Spokane.

West Virginia: S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton.

Wisconsin: H. C. Eaton, Fon du Lac.

IV. The commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general and the following-named comrades of the national council of administration will constitute the executive committee of the national council of administration: Silas H. Towler, chairman, Minneapolis, Minn.; William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.; David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Ind.; W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.; J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.; William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.; Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, Ohio.

V. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Thomas J. Smith, McCook, Nebr.

Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge advocate general: James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

National patriotic instructor: Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Inspector general: W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo.

Assistant adjutant general: O. C. Bell, Lincoln, Nebr.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian: Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff: George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.

Senior aide-de-camp: Charles E. Nason, Portland, Me.

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Committee on legislation: Wilfred A. Wetherbee, chairman, Boston, Mass.; Dr. H. A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John R. King, Baltimore, Md.; Samuel R. Vansant, Minneapolis, Minn.; Gen. J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio (advisory member); Mary M. North, Washington, D. C.; Minnie Nochills, Chicago, Ill.

Committee on rules and regulations: John J. Steadman, chairman, Hollywood, Calif.; David Jack, Peru, Nebr.; E. W. Phillips, Wichita, Kans.; Charles H. Henry, St. Louis, Mo.; George F. Jackson, Edgewood, Ala.; James W. Shields, Boise, Idaho; George I. Reiche, Helena, Mont.

Other committees will be announced in future general orders.

VI. All requisitions for supplies shall be sent to Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 502 Commercial Trust Building, 10 West Seneca Street, Buffalo, N. Y. All drafts, checks, and post-office money orders shall be made payable to Cola D. R. Stowits. Remittances for less than \$5 must be sent by post-office money order.

VII. The national patriotic instructor, Charles W. Blodgett, 2890 Ziegler Avenue, Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, is planning some very important patriotic work and requests department commanders to send him the names and addresses of department patriotic instructors that he may communicate with them regarding this work. Please send at once.

VIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send the names of department chaplains to the chaplain in chief, J. King Gibson, National Soldier's Home, Dayton, Ohio.

IX. Assistant adjutants general will please send to the commander in chief, Broken Bow, Nebr., a copy of department roster and journal of the last department encampment, also general orders as issued.

X. Department commanders will please send to the commander in chief names of comrades whom they wish appointed as aides-de-camp. Give full name and address and the name and number of the post to which the comrades belong. They will be notified from this office.

The official badge for aides-de-camp is: Rank strap, silver eagle on black enamel field, ribbon composed of the flag with buff border. Each aide-de-camp will remit \$1 for badge and commission; this covers the cost together with printing and postage. If the comrade appointed has a badge he will remit only 50 cents to cover cost of commission and mailing.

XI. Assistant adjutants general will forward promptly to this office notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments together with a brief sketch of military and Grand Army service for publication in general orders. Permanent members of the national encampment are past commanders in chief, past senior and junior vice commanders in chief, past adjutants general, past quartermasters general, past chaplains in chief, past surgeons general, and past department commanders, past department senior and junior vice commanders.

XII. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters. The judge advocate general can render an opinion to the commander in chief only.

XIII. The commander in chief wishes to visit officially as many department encampments as possible, and will be pleased if department commanders will notify him soon as to date and location of the 1929 encampment that he may arrange his itinerancy to reach the greatest possible number of departments. If department commanders will confer with neighboring departments and arrange so encampments will not come on the same date it will help very much.

XIV. Resolutions adopted by the Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Denver, Colo., September 20, 1928.

1. Whereas Comrade John M. Snyder, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, is now the only survivor of the original organizers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is physically unable to be with us to-day; Therefore be it

Resolved, That this the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic telegraph our greetings to him at Canton, Ill., for the noble work he did over 60 years ago in organizing the grandest patriotic order ever founded in the United States or any other country.

2. Resolutions by the Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, approving the action of Congress in establishing national parks on the fields of the more important battles of the War of the Revolution and of the Civil War, thus preserving for the interest and education of present and future generations the locations of these engagements, and providing for the marking of the same by suitable memorial tablets and monuments to the valor of the American soldier.

That the existence of these battlefield parks is approved by the citizens of this Republic, is evidenced by the millions who annually visit them; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic approves and commends the Congress of these United States for the support and encouragement which it has given to this great work, and asks for a generous appropriation for its completion while a considerable num-

ber of the veterans of the Civil War are still living to participate in the work and to enjoy the results of the same.

3. Whereas the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have for many years endeavored to cooperate with and assist the Grand Army of the Republic in carrying on its work, particularly in the matter of decorating the graves of the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic,

Resolved, That in all cities or other localities where there is a camp of Sons of Union Veterans it is recommended that the Sons be given charge of the service. (This is optional with each Grand Army post.)

4. In view of the fact that an effort is being made to erect a suitable memorial at Glen Echo, State of Maryland, in honor of that celebrated patriotic Christian woman, Miss Clara Barton, now deceased, whose great work and patriotic services in relieving the sufferings and distress of the Union veterans of the Civil War, and in establishing and carrying on the work of the Red Cross for years in this and other lands, and which said work and sacrifices entitle her to the highest commendation.

Therefore this national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in the city of Denver, in the State of Colorado, this 20th day of September, A. D. 1928, most heartily indorses said movement and commends it to the favorable consideration of all loyal and patriotic people.

5. Whereas there is a propaganda against keeping our Navy and Army to a strength that will be sufficient only for police service; and

Whereas advantages are being assumed in some of our churches and colleges and high schools to create a sentiment against military training;

Resolved, therefore, That we protest against such propaganda and assumption for the following reasons:

First. We need a sufficient Navy to protect our interests as a Nation in our colonial possessions and the homeland.

Second. We believe the training received at Annapolis and West Point and other similar institutions is of great advantage to the individual and to the Nation.

Third. History has proven that we need preparation not for war but for peace, and that it will cost less to have a reserve of officers both for Army and Navy than to dwell in assumed security because of our strength physically and resources not utilized but in nonorganization.

Fourth. This has always been a Nation for peace. We have never declared war against any nation except for humanity and protection.

Fifth. We notice that some of our college presidents who declare for a new patriotism, whatever that may be, relied on the practical patriotism of our citizens during the World War that sent them to the front whilst they remained at home. It comes with poor grace from this contingent of our citizens to seek the lowering of our military strength.

Sixth. We protest against the Government erecting headstones over Confederate graves unless the deceased is buried in a national cemetery.

Seventh. The committee carefully considered the pension question and indorse the recommendations of the commander in chief on pensions, but ask that the Congress be requested not to place in any pension bill relating to the pension of the widow of a Civil War veteran any reference to age or date of marriage.

Eighth. The thanks of this encampment are tendered to the authorities of the State of Colorado and the city of Denver, the men, women, and children of the city of Denver, to the press, to the street-car companies, and to the Boy Scouts for the splendid manner in which they have entertained us. Here in sight of the Rocky Mountains we find an American city whose people have not forgotten the war that preserved the Union, who are well aware that we in our old age, who offered all we possessed for our beloved country, are remembered with love and gratitude and will preserve with affection our services while memory lasts.

Ninth. Dr. Mary McDonald of Denver, who is the daughter of a Union veteran, was given a unanimous vote of thanks by the national encampment for her efficient service as chief of transportation in Denver during the encampment.

XV. Changes in rules and regulations made by Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Be it enacted, etc., That chapter 4, article 2, section 1, be amended by adding the words "Past surgeons general, past chaplains in chief, past adjutants general, and past quartermasters general."

Add to Article X—Provisional departments, the following:

SEC. 3. That should any department become extinct and cease to function as a department, the surviving members thereof may retain their membership in the Grand Army of the Republic as members at large, and the adjutant general is required to keep a roll of such members at large for their benefit at national headquarters. For registry such members shall be required to pay annually, as dues, the sum of \$1 to be remitted to said adjutant general.

XVI. The pension legislation recommended by Past Commander in Chief Hawk is as follows: "An increase to \$72 per month for all veterans now receiving \$65; \$150 a month for all veterans totally blind and \$50 a month for all widows." The national encampment approved this recommendation and further recommended that there be no limitation as to age and date of marriage of widows of Union veterans. Your commander in chief hopes to formulate a pension bill that will be in accord with this recommendation by the national encampment with the additional provision of \$125 per month for veterans requiring an attendant. The need is imperative and I ask the earnest cooperation of every Union veteran and all friends of Union veterans to help secure the passage of such legislation at the next session of Congress. Comrades, your active cooperation is vitally necessary to secure this much-needed measure.

XVII. Assistant adjutants general will see that two copies of this general order are sent to each post and to department officers and permanent members of the national encampment, in the department.

XVIII. The commander in chief thanks the many comrades and friends for their messages and letters of congratulation and expression of good wishes for him personally and for the administration. Helped by good wishes the administration is strengthened and must prosper.

By command of—

JOHN REESE, *Commander in Chief.*

Attest:

THOMAS J. SMITH, *Adjutant General.*

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No. 3 }
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
Broken Bow, Nebr., March 6, 1929.

I. We arrived in Washington, D. C., on January 4, and through the courtesy of Senator George W. Norris on January 5 met Senator Arthur R. Robinson, who informed me that there would be a meeting of the Pension Committee on January 8. I wired all members of the legislative committee who could arrive in time for the meeting on January 8. We explained that the Robinson bill with an amendment of \$150 per month for those veterans who are or may hereafter become totally blind met with our approval. We were met with the argument, "This is the short session of the same Congress which, with the same President, considered pension legislation less than a year ago." and "The jam that always occurs at the close of the short session would surely prevent the passage of pension legislation."

Not silenced by this argument, we continued to personally interview members of Congress, and with but one exception, they expressed themselves as favorable to our pension legislation. Through the courtesy of Congressman Robert G. Simmons of my own congressional district in Nebraska, I was granted an interview with President Coolidge. I was very cordially received, and the question of the increase of pensions for Civil War veterans and widows was discussed with much care.

Two "omnibus bills" containing about 2,800 special bills for increase of widows' pensions were passed at this session of Congress and signed by the President, and for this we are duly thankful.

We will not give up, but will do our best to secure the passage of the desired pension legislation by the special session of Congress. The additional appropriation which would be made necessary by this proposed legislation would be required for only a few years because of the rapidly thinning ranks of the veterans.

II. The Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Portland, Me., September 8-13, 1929.

III. The various passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, certificate plan. Complete information will be given in General Order No. 4.

Those entitled to reduced rates are:

- (a) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (b) Wives and dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (c) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (d) Members and dependent members of the families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:
 - 1. National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.
 - 2. Woman's Relief Corps.
 - 3. Ladies of the G. A. R.
 - 4. Daughters of Union Veterans of 1861-1865.
 - 5. Sons of Union Veterans of 1861-1865.
 - 6. Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of 1861-1865.

IV. The hotel reservation committee, of the chamber of commerce, Portland, Me., furnishes us the following information regarding accommodations:

	Single with bath ¹	Single without private bath ¹	Double with bath	Double without private bath
City hotel rates.....	\$2. 50 3. 00 3. 50 4. 00	\$2. 00 2. 50	\$4. 00 5. 50 6. 00 7. 00	\$3. 00 3. 50 4. 00 4. 50 5. 00
Rooming house and private home rates.....		1. 00 1. 50		2. 00 3. 00
Suburban seashore hotel rates.....			5. 00	2. 50 3. 00 4. 00

¹ Daily round trip transportation charges will not exceed 50 cents per person. Only a small number of single rooms available.

Further information will be given in future general orders. Those desiring to make reservations write to Howard H. Waldron, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Me.

V. The following appointment is hereby announced: Adjutant general—Comrade Melvin K. Hagadorn, Broken Bow, Nebr.; vice Thomas J. Smith, resigned on account of ill health.

VI. Assistant adjutant generals must forward Form D with per capita tax to Col. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 502 Commercial Trust Building, 10 West Seneca Street, Buffalo, N. Y., and Form C to this office.

VII. *Comrade at large.*—When a post surrenders its charter, the remaining members should be certified to the department, giving name and address, company, regiment, and rank in the post, with a request to become a member at large. The following is a copy of certificate to be issued to comrades at large, which may be secured from Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, Buffalo, N. Y., at 5 cents each:

COMRADE AT LARGE CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Department of _____

This certifies that Comrade _____ of Post No. _____ has been regularly enrolled as a comrade at large, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of _____.

He is entitled to all the rights, privileges, and honors previously acquired as a Grand Army comrade.

Officially signed this _____ day of _____, 192__.

Assistant Adjutant General.

VIII. Because of age and physical disability many comrades are not able to perform the duties devolving upon adjutants and quartermasters of posts. Provision has been made for a secretary who will perform all the duties and prepare

all reports which will be signed by adjutant and quartermaster. Such secretary has no voice in the affairs of the post. For such secretary a badge has been prepared and may be procured for a small sum from Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 502 Commercial Trust Building, 10 West Seneca Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

IX. Many departments have failed to recommend comrades for appointment as aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. The attention of department commanders is called to this with the request that names be sent without delay. Give name, post office and street address, and name and number of post.

X. I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the officers of the several departments for their prompt response to my call for assistance in urging their Senators and Representatives in Congress to support the Robinson bill; also to the Woman's Relief Corps and allied organizations for their loyal support of our pension program.

XI. The following comrades having complied with the necessary requirements are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

California and Nevada:

M. L. Guth, Oakland.
Andrew J. Vining, San Francisco.
W. J. Ruddick, San Francisco.
William Bundy, Chico.
W. N. Carter, Stockton.

Colorado and Wyoming:

W. E. Moses, Denver.
Lewis Henry, Denver.
A. W. Emily, Denver.
E. H. McNutt, Denver.
A. H. Miles, Denver.
William Wilson, Denver.

Illinois:

J. L. Albritton, Chicago.
William Metzger, Chicago.
J. P. Plattenberger, Savanna.
N. A. Wing, Chicago.
S. W. Gossard, Chana.
Lewis F. Lake, Rockford.
George J. Ehni, Milledgeville.
James A. Stone, Farmington.
Elijah Jones, Springfield.

Indiana:

James Feagler, Indianapolis.

Iowa:

Fred Worth, Davenport.
John W. Cox, Des Moines.
William Blades, Dubuque.
Wallace Winslow, Le Mars.
L. J. Leech, West Branch.
John McGrath, Creston.
G. H. Latimer, West Gate.
John Lucas, Marshalltown.

Kansas:

A. J. Way, Holton.
William A. Bosworth, Wichita.
G. W. Young, Anthony.
J. W. Dill, Chanute.
James I. Otterman, Kansas City.
F. M. Dewey, Emporia.
E. N. Kuhn, Lawrence.
David Allen, Jetmore.
W. W. Nye, Hiawatha.
J. E. Hutson, Caldwell.
G. N. Kingsbury, Norton.
Abraham Young, Arkansas City.

Massachusetts:

A. S. Wright, Lynn.
William F. Dodge, Lynn.
Fred E. Sprague, East Lynn.
John R. Sears, Greenfield.
Henry Isaacs, Dorchester.
Stanley B. Dearborn, Wakefield.
Joshua S. Gray, Rockland.
James A. Wright, Beverly.
C. W. Smith, Newburyport.
F. J. O'Reilly, Cambridge.
E. E. Larrabee, Lynn.
Leonard Boyd, Newton Highlands.
Charles S. Houghton, Leominster.
E. G. Frothingham, Haverhill.
George W. Corey, Chapin.
William M. Mick, Newton Center.
A. Otis Chamberlin, Cambridge.
J. H. Dusseault, Somerville.
Jason B. Hersey, Rockland.
Eugene M. Libby, Lynn.
Henri Batchelder, Everett.
D. N. Steingardt, Lynn.
Albert I. Gilman, Lowell.
C. J. Luichan, Lynn.
George H. Carpenter, Fairhaven.
James F. Stoddard, Boston.
Charles H. Brackell, Lynn.
Fred D. Shattuck, Fitchburg.
George M. Green, Milford.
David King, Everett.
Rupert J. Chute, Boston.

Michigan:

Frederick Gill, Saginaw.

Nebraska:

Henry Keister, Albion.
J. H. Lyon, Kearney.
T. C. Hageman, McCook.
Matt Leach, Kimball.
William Coon, Lincoln.
L. C. McBride, Lincoln.
Chester Holloway, Gibbon.
J. M. Mahaffey, Bennett.
William Balfour, Nehawka.
John H. Berger, Omaha.

New York:

Edward Barr, New York City.

Pennsylvania:

George Kane, Pittsburgh.
 William L. Saylor, Annville.
 Winslow J. Fries, Philadelphia.
 Louis F. Barger, Erie.
 J. Harvey Luker, Scottsdale.
 James P. Sankey, Crafton.
 Richard J. Baxter, Philadelphia.
 Pearson S. Clime, Philadelphia.
 Henry T. Greenwood, Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania—Continued.

A. K. Spurrier, Lancaster.
 R. N. Spohn, Aspinwall.
 H. V. Carls, Altoona.
 J. H. Pershing, Flinton.

Vermont:

E. G. Colliston, Barton.
 R. H. Linsley, Middlebury.

Wisconsin:

H. P. Goodman, White Water.

By command of—

JOHN REESE,
Commander in Chief.

Attest:

MELVIN K. HAGARDORN,
Adjutant General.

 IN MEMORIAM

COL. DAVID JAMES PALMER, PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1914-15

Col. David James Palmer, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was born November 15, 1839, and passed to the life eternal November 20, 1928, at the age of 89 years. With his passing there was removed from the Department of Iowa one of the noblest citizens. Comrade Palmer enlisted in Company C, Eighth Iowa Infantry, on July 10, 1861. He was seriously wounded at Shiloh and sent home to recuperate. While at his Iowa home he organized a company in the Twenty-fifth Iowa and returned to the war as its captain. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and commanded his regiment at Vicksburg and on Sherman's march to the sea. At the close of the war, in the grand review up Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., the troops were led by General Sherman, who when he took his place on the reviewing stand with the President of the United States left Lieutenant Colonel Palmer to lead the Union troops up the great Avenue. Exactly 50 years later Colonel Palmer, as commander in chief, reviewed the veteran troops of the Grand Army of the Republic as they marched up Pennsylvania Avenue at the national encampment held in Washington in 1915. Colonel Palmer was active in church work—an ideal Christian man.

ARKANSAS

Comrade Horace Winman, past commander of the Department of Arkansas, died December 12, 1928, at the age of 85 years. He loved his country and his flag.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Gavin M. Stormont, past department commander of California and Nevada, died at his home in Pomona, Calif., December 14, 1928, aged 91 years. He enlisted August 19, 1861, as private in Company F, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged October 24, 1864, as private from the same company and regiment. He filled many important positions and was always intensely interested in the affairs of the G. A. R.

CONNECTICUT

Col. Samuel B. Horne was born March 3, 1843, and died September 18, 1928. On the day President Lincoln called for volunteers Comrade Horne was the first to enlist in Company K, Second Connecticut Infantry, for three months. He then reenlisted in Company E, Eleventh Regiment Connecticut Volunteers. He served as provost marshal of the Eighteenth Army Corps on the staff of General Ord. While thus attached he was presented with a congressional medal of honor for "distinguished gallantry in action." In 1890 he was appointed United States consul to the Danish West Indies, where he served with much credit.

FLORIDA

Comrade A. R. Sawyer, assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, died November 5, 1928. He has filled the office of department commander one term to the satisfaction of all the members of the department, and has filled the office of assistant adjutant and quartermaster general under five department commanders. During his terms of office he never missed a national encampment until 1928. He was always in attendance at the department headquarters and ready to give information to the comrades and visitors from other departments. On our journeys to the encampments he was always doing something to make the comrades and members of the allied orders more comfortable.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Comrade Darius Nelson, commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina died on January 16, 1929, after a lingering illness.

Comrade Charles J. Hitch, senior vice commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, died on January 17, 1929, in his eighty-seventh year. He was born in England and came to the United States in his early life, later serving his adopted country in the Union Army.

ILLINOIS

Comrade Henry D. Fulton passed from this life October 27, 1928. Comrade Fulton was born in Indiana April 17, 1846. He enlisted as private in Company E, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and was mustered out with a creditable record at the end of the war. He served the State of Illinois as a member of the general assembly during two successive terms—the forty-fifth and forty-sixth. He was commander of George G. Meade Post No. 444, in 1892, and was elected department commander of Illinois in 1919. He was a man of quiet dignity, a highly respected citizen, and a faithful and intelligent worker in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

INDIANA

Comrade A. G. Beatty was born November 17, 1842, in Philadelphia, Pa., passed to the life eternal October 7, 1928. He served during the war of 1861–1865 in Company G, One hundred and thirty-third Indiana Infantry.

IOWA

Comrade A. G. Beatty was born November 17, 1842, in Philadelphia, Pa., and answered the last roll call on October 5, 1928. In his early youth he came with his parents to Iowa, and when the war of 1861–1865 came he enlisted in Company D of the Ninth Iowa Cavalry, and served until so severely wounded as to be unfit for further military duty. He was past senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, past commander of the Department of Iowa, and for 28 years had been regularly chosen by his comrades as post commander. He was a true, loyal citizen.

Comrade Frank Dagle answered the last roll call October 31, 1928, at the age of 81 years. In the war of 1861–1865, he enlisted in Company E, Second Wisconsin Infantry, as a drummer boy and came back a sergeant. He was with the Army of the Potomac and participated in all the battles of that army, and he was wounded at Cold Harbor. He was national president of the Iron Brigade and the only surviving officer of the organization. He was past inspector general of the Grand Army of the Republic, past commander of the Department of Iowa, and was active in all the work of the Grand Army—a man who was held in high esteem by everyone.

NEBRASKA

Comrade James M. Fodge, past department junior vice commander of Nebraska and adjutant of C. C. Washburn Post, No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, was born in Muncie, Ind., May 21, 1846, and passed from this life on September 9, 1928, at his home in Broken Bow, Nebr., and joined his comrades in the land where all is peace. He enlisted in Company H, First Iowa Cavalry, December

4, 1863, and was discharged February 15, 1866. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic early in its history. He was elected junior vice commander of the Department of Nebraska in 1919. He served in all the offices of his post, and for 11 years past was adjutant of his post. He served the Grand Army of the Republic well and was ever alert to assist his comrades of the Civil War. He was universally respected, and his many admirable traits of character brought to him many sincere friends. In the passing of Comrade Fodge the Grand Army of the Republic and our community has lost a man true to every trust, a true Christian, a good citizen, a loyal comrade, a devoted husband and father. We miss him and revere his memory.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Comrade Arthur Thompson died at his home in Warner, N. H., November 25, 1928. Comrade Thompson was a past commander of the department. During the war of 1861-1865 he served in the Eleventh Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers. During the war with Spain he served as quartermaster in the Regular Army.

Comrade Charles Benjamin Wilson was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., February 24, 1842. In the Civil War he enlisted with Company F, Second U. S. Sharpshooters, known as the Berdan Sharpshooters. He was one of the last members of the regiment. When mustered out he was the first lieutenant of the Nineteenth Regiment U. S. Colored Troops. He was past senior vice commander, Department of Illinois, Grand Army, and a member of the national executive committee for many years. He was senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army in 1919 and 1920.

NEW MEXICO

Comrade Adolph Harsch, junior vice commander, Department of New Mexico, Grand Army of the Republic, passed away December 15, 1928, aged 87 years. Comrade Harsch was born at Whittenburg, Germany, October 30, 1841; entered the Army August 15, 1861, as private in Company I, Eighth Illinois Volunteers. Was discharged July 19, 1865, at which time he was a private in the Thirty-first Illinois Volunteers. Was wounded, and carried a bullet to the grave with him. He was an active member of G. K. Warren Post No. 5 from July 1883, and had held most of the offices of the post from commander down the line.

OHIO

Comrade H. C. Martindale, past commander, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, October 30, 1928. Had Reverend Martindale lived until Christmas, he would have been 83 years of age. He served in Company C, First Ohio Light Artillery, and was one of General Sherman's command on the march to the sea. He was a member of Memorial Post No. 141, of Cleveland, and was elected commander of the Department of Ohio in June, 1919.

POTOMAC

Comrade William M. Bobb, commander of the Department of the Potomac, died November 4, 1928. He was born at Martinsburg, Pa., January, 1847. At the age of 15 years he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry.

Comrade James M. Pipes, past commander of the Department of the Potomac, was born in Morrisville, Pa., November 10, 1840, and died December 1, 1928, at the age of 88 years. He enlisted as a private in Company A, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on August 18, 1862. He was promoted to captain because of distinguished service. Was discharged February 17, 1865, on surgeon's certificate.

VERMONT

Comrade Thomas Hammon, past department commander, elected in 1913. Died at his home in Bennington, Vt., December 3, 1928, aged 85 years. He enlisted as private in Company K, Ninth Vermont Infantry, June 24, 1862, and was mustered out as sergeant June 13, 1865. He was appointed superintendent of the Vermont Soldiers' Home at Bennington, Vt., in 1901, and served for a period of 20 years. His efficient management of the home won him the confidence of his superiors and the love and respect of his comrades.

GENERAL ORDER }
 No. 4 }
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Broken Bow, Nebr., April 17, 1929.

THE LITTLE GREEN TENTS

The little green tents where the soldiers sleep, and the sunbeams play and the women weep, are covered with flowers to-day; and between the tents walk the weary few, who were young and stalwart in 'sixty-two, when they went to the war away. The little green tents are built of sod, and they are not long, and they are not broad, but the soldiers have lots of room; and the sod is part of the land they saved, when the flag of the enemy darkly waved, the symbol of dole and doom. The little green tent is a thing divine; the little green tent is a country's shrine, where patriots kneel and pray; and the brave men left, so old, so few, were young and stalwart in 'sixty-two, when they went to the war away.

MEMORIAL DAY

I. Memorial Day will be observed Thursday, May 30, 1929. Posts should invite the Sons of Union Veterans to assist and other veteran organizations to participate in the observance of the day.

II. May the flag he offered his life to save wave above every soldier's grave. May the choicest flowers of springtime cover each sacred mound. If convenient to do so, strew flowers upon the water in memory of our sailor comrades "who went down to the sea in ships."

III. On Memorial Day flags shall float at half-mast until 12 o'clock noon, when bells shall be tolled for five minutes, during which time comrades shall stand with uncovered heads in tribute to those who have answered the last roll call.

IV. On Memorial Day, General Order No. 11, issued by Gen. John A. Logan, establishing Memorial Day, and President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address shall be read as part of the public service of the day.

V. GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

GENERAL ORDER }
 No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C. May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us

in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.
By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

VI.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

VII. Sunday, May 26, will be observed as Memorial Sunday, and all posts are urged to attend Divine Service accompanied by the Woman's Relief Corps and all allied organizations.

VIII. Post commanders should not fail to detail comrades to visit the schools during the week preceding Memorial Day at a time to be arranged by school authorities. This phase of our patriotic work should not be neglected. It is a privilege the children of to-day have which will not be enjoyed by future generations. The opportunity to listen to the accounts of the thrilling events related by these men who served in the War of 1861-1865 will all too soon be a thing of the past. The memory of words uttered by these men of the 'sixties will never be effaced.

FLAG DAY

IX. June 14 should be observed appropriately.

"Bright-hued and beautiful, it floats upon the summer air; and every thread of it denotes the love that's woven there; the love of veterans whose tread has sounded on the fields of red; and women old, who mourn their dead, but mourn without despair. Bright-hued and beautiful, it courts caresses of the breeze; and straining at its staff is sports, in flaunting ecstasies; and other flags that once were gay, long, long ago were laid away, and many men, whose heads are gray, are thinking now of these.

"Serene and beautiful it waves, the flag our fathers knew;
In Freedom's sunny air it laves, and gains a brighter hue;
And may it still the symbol be of all that makes a nation free;
Still may we cherish liberty, and to our God be true."

X. Department chaplains are urged to send their reports as promptly as possible after Memorial Day to the chaplain in chief, J. King Gibson, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.

XI. All department chaplains and ministers who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic who are willing to fill a pulpit in Portland, Me., on September 8 will please send their names at once to the chaplain in chief, J. King Gibson, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.

XII. The following additional information regarding hotel rates for the national encampment, Portland, Me., will be of interest:

EASTLAND AND CONGRESS SQUARE HOTELS

Single, with bath	\$3.00, \$4.00, and \$4.50
Double, with bath	\$5.50, \$6.00, and \$7.00
Single, with running water	\$2.00 and \$2.50
Double, with running water	\$4.50

LAFAYETTE HOTEL

Double, with bath	\$7.00
Double, with running water	\$5.00
Suites, two double rooms with bath between	\$10.00

WEST END HOTEL

Double, with running water	\$3.00 and \$5.00
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NEW CHASE HOUSE

Double, with running water	\$3.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00
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COLUMBIA HOTEL

Single, with running water	\$2.00
Double, with running water	\$3.00
Single, with bath	\$2.50
Double, with bath	\$4.00

PENSION LEGISLATION

XIII. I am making a strenuous effort to secure the consideration of pension legislation by and through this special session of the Seventy-first Congress for our veterans and widows. I have written a personal letter to President Hoover, Vice President Curtis, Speaker Longworth, and each member of Congress asking for the consideration of pension legislation for Civil War veterans and widows by this special session of Congress. I have had some encouragement and hope to succeed. The Woman's Relief Corps and all allied orders are rendering valuable assistance.

XIV. Further information regarding the national encampment to be held in Portland, Me., September 8-13, 1929, will be given in General Order No. 5. For reservation of rooms write Howard H. Waldron, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Me.

XV. Reports of national officers must be in the hands of the commander in chief July 20, 1929.

XVI. Department commanders are urged to recommend comrades for aides-de-camp that the completed list may be published in the near future.

By command of—

JOHN REESE,
Commander in Chief.

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 5 }
SERIES 1928-29 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Broken Bow, Nebr., July 10, 1929.

I. The Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Portland, Me., September 8-13, 1929.

II. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established in the Hotel Eastland, where all comrades and friends will be welcome.

III. The various passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip on the identification-certificate plan.

Stopovers at all points on going or return trips. Final return limit October 31, 1929. For date of sale and further information see your railroad ticket agent.

Routes: The same route will be used in both directions except as follows: From stations in Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and western British Columbia, tickets may be sold via diverse routes west of Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, and New Orleans; the same route must be used in both directions east of those gateways. Fares via diverse routes will be made one-half of the 1-way fare applying via route used on going trip plus one-half of the 1-way fare applying via route used on return trip. Usual additional charges via indirect routes will apply.

Those to whom reduction will apply: (a) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic; (b) wife or dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; (c) widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic; (d) members and dependent members of families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the encampment: Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

IV. Hotels: In addition to hotels named in General Order No. 4, the housing committee for the national encampment assures us there are many smaller hotels where rates are not so high. If you have not secured your reservation, write Howard H. Waldron, chairman of committee, Portland, Me.

V. Attention department commanders and assistant adjutants general! Has your "credentials of members of the Sixty-third National Encampment" been forwarded to this office? If not, please send it at once, so the roll of the Sixty-third National Encampment may be completed. A report from every department is necessary.

VI. Assistant adjutants general are urged to send immediately to national headquarters notice of the death of permanent members of the national encampment. Let none be overlooked. Please give short sketch of service and tell what department office held.

VII. Information comes to national headquarters that posts in certain localities are admitting, as honorary members, persons who are not eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades, the Grand Army of the Republic can have no honorary members. For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the action of the Sixty-first National Encampment, I give the following:

1. All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing in their organization may attend meetings of Grand Army posts. This does not give them the privilege, however, of membership in the post or the right to vote or take an active part in the proceedings of the post.

2. Posts may employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings to take the records of the meetings and assist with the books of the adjutant and quartermaster. Persons appointed for this purpose do not in any sense become officers of the post. They may do the clerical work of the adjutant or quartermaster, but they do not thereby become adjutant or quartermaster, sergeant major, or quartermaster sergeant, or acquire any other rights incident to membership. They must not be installed into office, and while they may write the reports of such officers, the report must be signed by the officer himself and must evidence his official action. No one not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic can hold any office in any post or be installed into any office therein.

Department commanders and post commanders will see that these decisions of the national encampment are not violated.

PENSION LEGISLATION

VIII. After conferences with President Hoover and leading Members of Congress, we have the hope that our pension legislation may be considered in this special session. But if it should not be considered in this special session, we have sufficient assurance from those with whom we were given the privilege of a conference that we can say with confidence that our legislation will be considered early in the regular session and a just measure passed by Congress.

From our correspondence with all Members of Congress and personal interviews with many individual Members, we can assure our comrades and widows that they will receive justice that will give them additional aid (although long delayed) in the near future.

The commander in chief very much appreciates the loyal cooperation of the legislative committee, the Woman's Relief Corps, and all other orders in his effort to secure pension legislation.

IX. The following appointments for the Sixty-third National Encampment are made:

Committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur: Past Commander in chief Ell Torrence, Minneapolis, Minn.; Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Past Commander in Chief E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.

Committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Commander in Chief David J. Palmer: Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa; Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. VanSant, Minneapolis, Minn.; Past Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.

Committee to audit books of quartermaster general: Silas H. Towler, Chairman, Minneapolis, Minn.; James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa; W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.

Committee on credentials: O. C. Bell, assistant adjutant general, Lincoln, Nebr.; William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.; Oley Nelson, Slater, Iowa; W. F. Molyneux, Gary, Ind.; Charles I. McDargh, Urbana, Ohio.

The following comrades are hereby detailed as color bearers: National color bearer, Henry Eichfield, Memorial Hall, Milwaukee; naval color bearer, David King, Boston, Mass.; headquarters color bearer, George A. Pingree, 113 Ohio Infantry, Columbus, Ohio.

The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief since General Order No. 3 issued:

Alabama:

Frank McCloud, Fairhope.

California and Nevada:

William H. Wharff, Berkeley.

George Huntington, Long Beach.

Barney Brown, Long Beach.

James Dixon, Long Beach.

Samuel Zeigler, Stockton.

H. C. Veath, Gridley.

J. M. C. Stilson, Chico.

O. D. Burlingame, Los Angeles.

Asa A. Story, Watsonville.

Carlos G. Young, San Francisco.

John C. Chapman, San Francisco.

R. L. Foster, Glendale.

T. A. Robinson, Glendale.

W. L. Stone, Santa Rosa.

William Watson, Berkeley.

A. J. Sprague, Sacramento.

Charles W. Rust, San Jose.

William W. Bellamy, Oakland.

H. L. Judell, San Francisco.

William E. Ferguson, Stockton.

Jay Beach, Berkeley.

George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles.

C. A. McQuesten, San Francisco.

R. N. Taylor, Glendale.

John H. Stofer, San Francisco.

Rev. Jonathan E. Bell, Los Angeles.

M. A. Jones, Modesto.

George W. Moliere, San Francisco.

James B. Hayford, Auburn.

Almaron W. Conant, Santa Rosa.

William H. Mershon, Los Angeles.

Charles A. Macomber, San Francisco.

Selden Sturges, Oakland.

Theodore H. James, Oakland.

J. H. Luke, Los Angeles.

John Spelman, Oakland.

Colorado and Wyoming:

R. Q. Tenney, Fort Collins.

Connecticut:

Charles H. Rusco, New Canaan.

Edward W. Park, Derby.

John H. Batterson, South Norwalk.

W. P. Patrick, Stamford.

Lyman Whitehead, Bethel.

Wm. F. Sternberg, New Britain.

Harry B. Beers, Danielson.

Charles Russell, Milldale.

Thomas Bracken, Bridgeport.

Charles Douglas, New Haven.

Georgia:

John W. Howder, Fitzgerald.

Idaho:

G. N. Kingsbury, Emmett.

H. F. Knight, New Plymouth.

William H. Johns, Caldwell.

S. H. McCullough, American Falls.

Illinois:

H. B. Davidson, Springfield.

Isaac Paul, Polo.

Iowa:

Henry C. Eddy, Fort Dodge.

W. T. McKee, Massena.

W. A. Ross, Marshalltown.

Kansas:

J. F. Richardson, Wichita.

J. T. Cumberland, Salina.

D. C. Rossman, Clifton.

S. L. Abbott, Fort Scott.

E. S. Kirkpatrick, Wellsville.

Louisiana and Mississippi:

E. A. Robinson, Morgan City.

B. C. Jones, Natchez.

Maine:

Nelson R. Brown, Lewiston.

Samuel F. Emerson, Skowhegan.

Geo. W. Goulding, Oakland.

Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop.

F. S. Philbrick, Rockland.

Augustus F. Prince, Portland.

George W. Cross, Gardiner.

Maryland:

John H. Shepherd, Berwyn.

Massachusetts:

Nathaniel W. White, Malden.

Michigan:

James Martin, South Haven.

John J. Reiser, Grand Rapids.

Frederick Hanley, Flint.

S. H. Carlton, Kalamazoo.

Howard C. Bond, Muskegon.

Ebenezer Child, Grand Rapids.

Minnesota:

John H. Helwig, St. Paul.

Montana:

Charles Angus, Livingston.

Charles E. Adams, Columbia Falls.

R. L. Cleveland, Hamilton.

C. S. Shoemaker, Butte.

Simon Hauswirth, Butte.

Nebraska:

W. E. Majors, Peru.

Jesse B. Bartley, Omaha.

Byron Ashley, Hyannis.

Rasmus Scritsmier, Broken Bow.

M. W. McCandless, Broken Bow.

John Morford, Broken Bow.

Thomas Noonan, Broken Bow.

O. B. Foster, Broken Bow.

J. A. Hutchinson, Burkett.

Louis R. Dowse, Comstock.

J. W. Rice, Merna.

Joseph Giddings, Ashley.

R. R. Bangs, Burkett.

Dr. R. C. Talbot, Fresno, Calif.

David Jack, Peru.

New Jersey:

George C. Eldridge, Dumont.

William Sturgis, New York.

New York:

John H. Thomas, Brooklyn.

Theodore Cochran, Brooklyn.

John C. Mullins, Brooklyn.

New York—Continued.

Martin Demarest, Brooklyn.

William Busch, Floral Park,
Long Island.

Amos Hague, Brooklyn.

Charles L. Sherger, Union Springs.

Ohio:

Joseph A. Day, East Cleveland.

George W. Fry, Richmond Dale.

John R. Ellis, Newark.

H. W. Blackman, Cleveland.

N. T. Longwell, Columbus.

Joseph Foark, Hilliards.

Frederick R. Sparks, Norwood.

Oklahoma:

P. A. Smith, El Reno.

S. P. Galloway, Carmen.

Alfred Griffith, McAlester.

C. E. Ogden, Kingfisher.

Oregon:

R. F. Frazier, Hood River.

G. E. Tarbox, Newberg.

Pennsylvania:

William H. Walter, Philadelphia.

Michael Poet, Altoona.

Potomac:

George H. Kunsman, Washington.

Frederick Shortsleeves, Wash-
ington.

John M. Kline, Washington.

Newton Chartes, Washington.

Washington and Alaska:

W. N. Alvord, Tacoma.

G. W. Stafford, Vancouver.

L. D. Forbes, Seattle.

Wisconsin:

Fred Wardrobe, Waukesha.

E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.

Henry E. Eichfeld, Milwaukee.

Chas. M. Hambright, Milwaukee.

Lloyd D. Sampson, Milwaukee.

Geo. H. Pounder, Fort Atkinson.

Capt. Henry Held, National Home.

IN MEMORIAM

Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur died at his home in St. Louis Mo., June 1, 1929.

Comrade Rassieur was born in Prussia, April 19, 1844, coming in childhood with his parents to St. Louis, Mo. He entered the service of his adopted country as a private in Company B, First Missouri Volunteers, May 7, 1861; was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Company K, Thirtieth Missouri Infantry, with the rank of captain, and was mustered out August 21, 1865.

He received a commission as major of his regiment, but, because of depleted numbers, he was not mustered into that rank. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1882; was elected department commander in 1889 and elected commander in chief in 1900.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade William Butler departed this life on the 31st day of October, 1928, at Longmont, Colo., aged 88 years. He enlisted in Company M, Fourth Regiment Wisconsin Cavalry. He had served as commander of the department and as chaplain of the department for seven years.

Comrade William H. Whitehead, whose death occurred November 25, 1928, at Denver, Colo., aged 82 years, was at the time filling the office of judge

advocate for the department. He enlisted in Company N, One hundred and ninety-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Comrade James Cooper died July 21, 1928, at Colorado Springs, Colo. He served as chaplain of the department for the year 1927, also as patriotic instructor for the department.

Comrade Jacob S. Fritz died November 25, 1928, aged 83 years. He enlisted in Company I, Fortieth Regiment Iowa Infantry; was elected junior vice commander of the department for the year ending June, 1899.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

James R. Milner, past department commander and an outstanding leader among Civil War veterans of the State of California, died March 1, 1929, following an illness of several months, at his home in Long Beach, Calif. He was 83 years old.

John C. Kendrick, of Pasadena, Calif., died March 29, 1929. He was past department chaplain and past department patriotic instructor; was a member of Company A, Thirty-third Regiment Iowa Infantry, and was with the Regiment in all engagements during its service. A true soldier and a comrade loved by all.

TEXAS

Robert McCormick, past department commander, died at his home in Dallas, Tex., November 27, 1928. He was born in New York City, and enlisted as a drummer June 19, 1861, in Company B, Thirty-sixth New York Infantry, at the age of 15 years. Was discharged in 1863 and reenlisted in the United States Navy, and discharged at the close of the war. Joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1885 and was an enthusiastic member thereof to the date of his death.

VERMONT

D. L. Morgan, past senior vice commander, died in St. Petersburg, Fla., February 13, 1929, aged 82 years. He served in Company B, First Battalion Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. Established his residence in Rutland, Vt., in 1870.

John R. Wilson, past commander of the Department of Vermont, G. A. R. (1921), died at his home in Worcester, Vt., May 11, 1929, in his 87th year. Comrade Wilson enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Vermont Volunteers, July 15, 1862, as private; was commissioned first lieutenant December 2, 1864; and was discharged July 15, 1865. During his Civil War service Comrade Wilson was never absent from his regiment, never excused from duty for any reason, and took part in every engagement his regiment was in—an unusual record.

WASHINGTON

Fredrich Henry Hurd was born October 7, 1843, at Clinton, Iowa; died in Seattle, Wash., March 15, 1929, age 85 years. Enlisted in Company G, Fourteenth Connecticut Infantry, serving from August, 1862, to May 31, 1865. After the war he came to Illinois and later to Seattle, Wash., in 1884. Member of Stevens Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of Seattle; served in all of post's positions, as patriotic instructor of the department and later as department commander in 1911-12. Was a member of the national council for several years. Was highly esteemed by his comrades in this department.

WISCONSIN

Col. George A. Hannaford, past commander, passed away at the National Home Hospital in Milwaukee, June 15, 1929.

Colonel Hannaford was department commander for two terms, in 1874 and 1875, and in 1880 was appointed adjutant general. He served as national assistant adjutant general of the G. A. R. under Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh, of Milwaukee, in 1926-27.

He was one of the founders of the National Soldiers' Home, established in Milwaukee in 1866, and served as the first adjutant.

By command of—

JOHN REESE, *Commander in Chief.*

MELVIN K HAGADORN,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDER }
 No. 6 }
 SERIES 1928-29 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Broken Bow, Nebr., August 12, 1929.

1. As previously announced, the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Portland, Me., September 8-13, 1929.
2. National headquarters will be temporarily established in the Eastland Hotel, Thursday, September 5, 1929.
3. At 2 p. m., Monday, September 9, 1929, the executive committee of the council of administration will meet at national headquarters.
4. The national council of administration will meet in national headquarters at 3 p. m. on Monday, September 9, 1929.
5. The credentials committee will be in session in national headquarters from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Monday, September 9, 1929.
6. An official program containing all information regarding the various sessions of the encampment will be given you when you register.

AIDES-DE-CAMP

Iowa: Henry C Eddy, 1306 Sixth Avenue S., Fort Dodge.

Michigan: Henry B. Appleton, Brighton.

Potomac: Harry C. McCannon, 3100 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D. C.

Washington and Alaska: C. E. Bartholomew, East 4226 Seventeenth Avenue, Spokane.

In this my last general order I will say to my comrades I appreciate more than words can express your loyalty to me during my administration. I thank you for the encouragement given me at all times, not only by my comrades but by all allied orders. The spirit of harmony prevailing has been a wonderful gratification to me. May the Great Commander graciously keep you ever in His loving care.

IN MEMORIAM

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade E. W. Beghtol, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general, passed to his reward on August 9, 1929.

CONNECTICUT

George W. Richardson, junior vice commander Department of Connecticut, died June 3, 1929.

GEORGIA

Past Department Commander F. A. Jones died June 27, 1929.

IDAHO

Past Department Commander George F. Kimery answered the last roll call July 29, 1929. He was a member of Company K, Eighth Tennessee Infantry.

Past Department Commander Rodney P. Drury, of Moscow, Idaho, died April 11, 1929. He was a member of Company B, First Wisconsin Cavalry.

ILLINOIS

William F. Calhoun, past department commander of Illinois, answered his last roll call at his home in Decatur, Ill., on May 10, 1929, at the age of 84 years. He was born in Blaine, Pa., on November 21, 1844. At 17 years of age he enlisted in Company H, One hundred and thirty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, and two years later reenlisted in Company K of the Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he served until his discharge July 13, 1865. He served in the command of General Sheridan.

Few Illinois Grand Army comrades have rendered longer continued or more efficient service to the department than Comrade William F. Calhoun and few will be more greatly missed.

Comrade Henry D. Fulton enlisted September 12, 1862, as a private in Company E, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. Was discharged April 24, 1864, by reason of wounds received in the Battle of Chickamauga. Died October 27, 1928.

Comrade Fulton served his State as a member of the general assembly during two successive terms, the forty-fifth and forty-sixth; was commander of George G. Meade Post, No. 444, in 1892, and was elected commander Department of Illinois in 1919. He was a man of quiet dignity, a highly respected citizen, and a faithful and intelligent worker in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Edwin B. West was born at Mount Pleasant, Pa. He died at Quincy, Ill., January 12, 1929. Comrade West enlisted January 15, 1862, in Company G, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry. Although a western regiment, the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry was assigned to the Eastern Department and participated in many of the most important engagements of the war, including the Battle of Gettysburg. Later he was taken prisoner and spent considerable time in Libby Prison and at Andersonville. Comrade West served the Department of Illinois as junior vice commander in 1922 and as senior vice commander in 1923.

INDIANA

Past Department Commander Lewis King died Tuesday, July 30, 1929.

Before he was quite 16 years old he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-seventh Regiment, with which he served for a term of three years. After being discharged he reenlisted and served with the One hundred and forty-fifth Indiana Regiment. He was a retired Methodist minister, loved by all who knew him.

TEXAS

Edward Loomis, past assistant adjutant general Department of Texas, died at his home in San Antonio, April 21, 1929, aged 85 years. Comrade Loomis served his country as a private in Company F, Thirtieth Wisconsin Infantry.

By command of—

JOHN REFSE, *Commander in chief.*

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7 }
SERIES 1928-1929 }

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EASTLAND HOTEL.

Portland, Me., September 8, 1929.

I. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 5, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixty-third National Encampment will take place at Portland, Me., Wednesday, September 11, 1929, at 10 a. m., daylight-saving time.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in columns of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; and between files, 6 feet, which distance must be maintained throughout the march.

III. The columns will form promptly at 9.15 a. m. and move at 10 a. m. sharp, daylight-saving time.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by George A. Hosley, chief of staff to the commander in chief.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m.; another, fired at 10 a. m., will be the signal to march; daylight time.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on the

right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed, designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will be dipped at six paces from the reviewing officer and will be maintained at salute until six paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officers' salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organizations, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play in passing the entire length of the reviewing stand.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. The bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand at the City Hall.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present at Portland will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he has a uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will make an effort to appear in uniform (regulation) of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XIV. No flags or standards, except the National and State flags and department and post flags and standards, will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags or banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions of any kind whatsoever will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief in automobiles will ride at the head of the column in advance of the national aides-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between the departments. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march, and these automobiles will be found on Park Street, right resting on Congress Street.

XVII. When the column reaches Monument Square the commander in chief and all other national officers and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places on the reviewing stand. Their automobiles will continue on, turning right on Pearl Street to Federal Street to Market Street, with the leading car resting on the corner of Market and Congress Streets. After the parade is over they will swing out of Market Street directly in front of the reviewing stand to again take up their passengers in their respective automobiles and return to the Eastland Hotel.

XVIII. Aides-de-camp to the commander in chief will report to the senior aide-de-camp, Charles E. Nason, or his adjutant past department commander, Nelson R. Brown, on State Street right, in autos of national officers on the east side, at 9 a. m.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff at the Eastland Hotel at 9 a. m. on day of parade for assignment to automobiles.

XX. The line of march will be 1 mile in length, over paved streets, as follows: Congress Street entire.

(a) Department commanders will report to Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, at headquarters room, Tuesday, September 10, at 4 o'clock p. m. National aides will report at the same place at 5 p. m., Tuesday, September 10.

(b) The line will form as follows: Platoon of police under command of Capt. F. Hugh McDonough will form on Congress Street, right resting on State Street, north side of Congress Street.

(c) The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, under command of Commander in Chief Bowley, will form on the west side of State Street, right resting on Congress Street.

(d) The commander in chief, national officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief in automobiles will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Congress Street.

(e) National aides-de-camp, Past Department Commander Nelson F. Brown in charge, will form on the east side of State Street, resting on the automobiles of the national officers.

The departments will form in order of seniority as follows:

1. Department of Illinois, Henry B. Davidson, commander, headed by the National Association of Civil War Musicians, will form on Pine Street, right resting on State Street.

2. Department of Wisconsin, Lloyd D. Sampson, commander, will form on Pine Street, right resting on left of Illinois.

3. Department of Pennsylvania, Phil Engleskerger, Franklin, Pa., commander, will form on Pine Street, right resting on left of Department of Wisconsin.

4. Department of Ohio, S. A. Williams, commander, will form on Pine Street, right resting on the left of Pennsylvania.

5. Department of New York, Martin V. Stone, commander, will form on Pine Street, right resting on left of Ohio.

6. Department of Connecticut, James Haggerty, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on corner of Pine Street.

7. Department of Massachusetts, James H. Webb, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on Department of Connecticut.

8. Department of New Jersey, Spencer Smith, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on Department of Massachusetts.

10. Department of California and Nevada, Darwin B. Wolcott, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, right resting on Department of New Jersey.

11. Department of Rhode Island, Charles H. Lewis, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on Department of California and Nevada.

12. Department of New Hampshire, O. P. Murdick, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on Department of Rhode Island.

13. Department of Vermont, John H. Amadon, commander, will form on west side of State Street, resting on Department of New Hampshire.

14. Department of Potomac, Samuel G. Mawson, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on Department of Vermont.

15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles Grandy, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on the Department of the Potomac.

16. Department of Maryland, George T. Leach, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on Department of Virginia and North Carolina.

17. Department of Nebraska, Thomas J. Smith, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, resting on the Department of Maryland.

18. Department of Michigan, Albert C. Estabrook, commander, will form on the west side of State Street, right resting on the Department of Nebraska.

19. Department of Iowa, J. K. Ewing, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on the corner of Pine Street.

20. Department of Indiana, Charles E. Hale, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Iowa.

21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming, W. E. Moses, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Indiana.

22. Department of Kansas, J. W. Priddy, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Colorado.

23. Department of Delaware, James T. Twigg, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Kansas.

24. Department of Minnesota, T. H. Peacock, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Delaware.

25. Department of Missouri, C. H. Mitchell, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, resting on Department of Minnesota.

26. Department of Oregon, L. C. Washburn, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Missouri.

27. Department of Kentucky, John T. Thompson, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Oregon.

28. Department of West Virginia, J. Z. McCombs, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Kentucky.

29. Department of South Dakota, W. A. Drake, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of West Virginia.

30. Department of Washington and Alaska, Willis Richardson, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of South Dakota.

31. Department of Arkansas, Samuel Hendrickson, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Washington and Alaska.

32. Department of New Mexico, J. W. Davis, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Arkansas.

33. Department of Utah, Elias Pierce, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of New Mexico.

34. Department of Tennessee, C. G. Mathews, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Utah.

35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, William Rochester, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Tennessee.

36. Department of Florida, A. W. Lathrop, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Louisiana and Mississippi.

37. Department of Montana, Henry Bird, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Florida.

38. Department of Texas, W. A. Robbins, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Montana.

39. Department of Idaho, Otto F. Steen, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on the Department of Texas.

41. Department of Georgia and South Carolina, J. F. McGregor, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Idaho.

42. Department of Alabama, William Rife, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

43. Department of North Dakota, R. D. Bagley, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Alabama.

44. Department of Oklahoma, A. W. Lee, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of North Dakota.

45. National Association of Naval Veterans, David King, boatswain, commander, will form on the east side of State Street, right resting on Department of Oklahoma.

9. Department of Maine, Samuel F. Emerson, commander, through point of courtesy, the Department of Maine being the host, takes the extreme left of the line, and will form on Congress Street, right resting on Park Street.

46. Disabled veterans in automobiles will form on Park Street, right resting on Congress Street.

XXI. All department commanders shall report to the adjutant general not later than 10.30 a. m., Tuesday, September 10, 1929, the names of comrades elected by the several departments for the committee on resolutions and national council of administration.

By order of—

JOHN REESE, *Commander in Chief.*

Drafted by:

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,
Chief of Staff.

Attested by:

MELVIN K. HAGADORN,
Adjutant General.

In Memoriam





LEO RASSIEUR

Commander in Chief, 1900-1901.



DAVID J. PALMER
Commander in Chief, 1914-15.



In Memoriam



COMRADE LEO RASSIEUR

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1900-1901

On the 1st day of June, 1929, Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur passed peacefully away at his home, 2335 Whittemore Place, in the city of St. Louis, Mo., where he had lived for 47 years.

He was born in Wadern, Prussia, April 19, 1844, the son of Theodore and Margaret R. Rassieur. His father came to America in 1851, following the death of his wife, and settled with his family in St. Louis.

Leo Rassieur attended the public schools of his adopted city, graduating from Central High School at the age of 16 years.

At that time the State of Missouri was verging on civil war, the sentiment being quite evenly divided between the Secessionists and Unionists. Young Rassieur at once espoused the cause of the Union. He became a leader in forming public opinion. By his outspoken and courageous action he contributed largely to the formation of Union sentiment, not only in the city of St. Louis but throughout the State of Missouri. He served for three months in the Reserve Corps and participated in the capture of Camp Jackson and in the breaking up of the conspiracy camps and numerous associations of rebels then existing in the city of St. Louis. His principal service was in the Thirtieth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he rose to the rank of captain and was mustered out at the close of the war as major.

Returning to his home in St. Louis, on the advice of his colonel, he entered upon the study of law, in connection with teaching in the public schools for about a year. He was admitted to practice in the courts of Missouri on the 1st of April, 1867. From that time until 1926 he continued the practice of his profession, apart from four years when he held the office of probate judge of St. Louis County. His professional career was highly praiseworthy, honorable, and successful. He was regarded as a capable, industrious, trustworthy, and painstaking attorney. His clients had absolute confidence in his integrity and that his advice could be relied upon with safety.

But it was in connection with his membership and activities in the Grand Army of the Republic that his comrades knew him best and honored him most. He was for many years a member of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, Department of Missouri, holding the

office of commander in that post. In 1890 he was chosen commander of the Department of Missouri and in 1900 elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. In all these positions he acquitted himself well. He took a personal interest in all the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic and contributed to its growth and success to a marked degree. He believed in the principles of our order and by his unselfish devotion to the welfare of his comrades won their affection, confidence, and respect. He was for many years the senior past commander in chief, standing 30 in the order of election. He outlived all his predecessors and the great majority of those who succeeded him to that high office. He believed that the post was the unit upon which rested the entire superstructure of the Grand Army of the Republic and that it was essential that a comrade, however highly he had been honored, should never lose sight of his obligations to his post and to attend its meetings with unfailing regularity. The record has been made by our departed comrade and all can look upon it with pride and satisfaction.

The funeral services were held at the home in which he had lived for almost half a century. The house was filled to overflowing with friends and the body was followed by a large cortege to Bellefontaine Cemetery and consigned to its last resting place with military honors. As the flag-draped casket was removed from the home a drummer boy in the Union forces during the Civil War tapped his drum as a symbol of farewell. Twelve uniformed comrades from Frank P. Blair Post acted as an escort of honor. Six of his nephews were pall bearers.

The closing days of this beloved comrade and patriot showed no tinge of sorrow or regret. His work had been completed and it had been distinguished for its service to his fellowmen. He had expected to attend the last encampment of his department and also the September encampment to be held at Portland, Me., and had made plans accordingly, but his strength continued to fail and we shall see his face no more.

Major Rassieur was married to Mary C. Kammerer, of Wheeling, W. Va., July 9, 1872. She died some years ago. Three children survive him—a son, Leo Rassieur, jr., and two daughters, Estelle R. Kelsey and Cora R. Parsons, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

ELL TORRANCE, *Chairman.*
LEWIS S. PILCHER,
E. L. HAWK,
Committee.



In Memoriam



COMRADE DAVID JAMES PALMER

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1914-15

Comrade David James Palmer, past commander in chief, 1914-15, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1839, and was of Irish lineage in both the paternal and maternal lines. He settled in Washington County, Iowa, with his parents in 1856. The father died in 1886 and the mother in 1891. He was brought up on a farm in said Washington County, and his early education was that of the common schools of the day. Later he attended the old Washington College of that county, when at the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted at the age of 21, August 10, 1861, in Company C, Eighth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered in August 31, 1861, as third corporal of that company.

In the Confederate attack at the battle of Shiloh, Tenn., on the early morning of April 6, 1862, he was severely wounded in the left shoulder, and his comrades left him on the field for dead. After two days' exposure he finally secured hospital attention and his life was saved. He was discharged September 6, 1862, for promotion as captain of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and served in that command to the close of the war and was mustered out June 6, 1865, at Washington, D. C., as lieutenant colonel of the regiment. The splendid record of the Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry compares favorably with the many brilliant fighting units of the Federal Army, and during the major portion of its history Lieut. Col. David James Palmer was in command of said regiment.

Comrade Palmer participated with his regiment in the capture of Arkansas Post, Ark., where he was slightly wounded, followed by the siege of Vicksburg, Miss. He also participated in the Jackson, Miss., campaign, the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and the battle of Ringgold, Ga., November 27, 1863, where he was again wounded. He also took part in the Atlanta campaign with its severe battles, thence marching with Sherman to Savannah, Ga., and through the Carolinas to Washington, D. C., where he was discharged from the service as lieutenant colonel June 6, 1865.

At the memorable grand review of the Federal Army in Washington, D. C., in May, 1865, the troops were led by General Sherman, who, when he took his place on the reviewing stand with the President of the United States, left Lieutenant Colonel Palmer at the head of his regiment to lead the Union troops up the Avenue, and 50 years later Lieut. Col. David James Palmer, as commander in chief, reviewed the veteran troops of the Grand Army of the Republic as they marched up Pennsylvania Avenue at the forty-ninth national encampment held in Washington in 1915.

In civil life Comrade Palmer held many offices of public trust, including State senator and many years of service as one of the State Railway Commission of Iowa.

Colonel Palmer was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of his home city, and for over 30 years was the superintendent of the Sunday School.

Comrade Palmer in civil life was always an active, aggressive citizen of his home city, county, State, and Nation. He was always ready to respond to every other useful activity of the community in which he lived. His activities and his fervent patriotic devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic and its teachings in the light of the fullest extreme of loyal comradeship have endeared him to every comrade with whom he came in contact. In all these things he was always foremost in aggressive and constructive patriotic endeavor. He was a commoner in his manner and deportment, a man among men, brave, charitable, forgiving, and sympathetic. He always responded to the call of duty in the affairs of his daily life, with due regard at all times for the rights and privileges of others before the law as he saw it in the kindness of his heart.

Words can not fully express the deep-seated emotion of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in the loss of Comrade David James Palmer. His splendid military record, his useful and administrative attainments in civil affairs, his loyalty to principle, God, and country, and his love for its flag are hereby recognized and commended by his comrades.

Comrade Palmer is survived by his widow, Letitia Helen Palmer, to whom the sympathy of the Grand Army of the Republic is herewith extended in her great sorrow and bereavement.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

JAMES W. WILLETT.

FRANK A. WALSH.

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.



In Memoriam



ARKANSAS

HORACE WINMAN, mustered out December 12, 1928
Department Commander, 1918

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

GAVIN M. STORMOUNT, mustered out December 14, 1928
Department Commander 1913

JAMES R. MILNER, mustered out March 1, 1929
Department Commander, 1923

JOHN C. KENDRICK, mustered out March 29, 1929
Department Senior Vice Commander, 1926

COLORADO AND WYOMING

WILLIAM BUTLER, mustered out October 31, 1928
Department Commander, 1923

JACOB S. FRITZ, mustered out November 25, 1928
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1898

CONNECTICUT

GEORGE W. RICHARDSON, mustered out June 3, 1929
Department Junior Vice Commander

DELAWARE

EDWIN F. WOOD, mustered out April 6, 1929
Department Commander, 1895

FLORIDA

A. R. SAWYER, mustered out November 5, 1928
Department Commander, 1926



In Memoriam



GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

DARIUS NELSON, mustered out January 16, 1929
Department Commander, 1928

CHARLES J. HITCH, mustered out January 17, 1929
Department Senior Vice Commander, 1928

F. A. JONES, mustered out June 27, 1929
Department Commander, 1911

IDAHO

GEORGE F. KIMERY, mustered out July 29, 1929
Department Commander, 1917

RODNEY P. DRURY, mustered out April 11, 1929
Department Commander, 1927

ILLINOIS

EDWIN B. WEST, mustered out January 12, 1929
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1922
Department Senior Vice Commander, 1923

HENRY D. FULTON, mustered out October 27, 1928
Department Commander, 1919

WILLIAM F. CALHOUN, mustered out May 10, 1929
Department Commander, 1916

INDIANA

LEWIS KING, mustered out July 30, 1929
Department Commander, 1915

DAVID STROUSE, mustered out October 7, 1928
Department Commander, 1925

JAMES W. SPAIN, mustered out June 13, 1929
Department Commander, 1926



In Memoriam



IOWA

A. G. BEATTY, mustered out November 17, 1928
Senior Vice Commander in Chief, 1927
Department Commander, 1919

FRANK DAGLE, mustered out October 31, 1928
Inspector General, 1927
Department Commander, 1925

MARYLAND

GEORGE SCHNEIDER, mustered out January 1, 1929
Department Senior Vice Commander, 1928

EDWARD WALTER GILES, mustered out May 21, 1929
Department Commander, 1929

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ARTHUR THOMPSON, mustered out November 25, 1928
Department Commander, 1921

BENJAMINE WILSON, mustered out ———
Senior Vice Commander in Chief, 1919
Department Senior Vice Commander, Illinois

NEBRASKA

JAMES M. FODGE, mustered out September 9, 1928
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1919

NEW MEXICO

ADOLPH HARSCH, mustered out December 15, 1928
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1928

OHIO

H. C. MARTINGALE, mustered out October 30, 1929
Department Commander, 1919

OREGON

DUNCAN L. McKAY, mustered out April 11, 1929
Department Commander, 1922



In Memoriam



POTOMAC

WILLIAM R. ROBB, mustered out November 4, 1928
Department Commander, 1928

JAMES M. PIPES, mustered out December 1, 1928
Department Commander, Illinois, 1891

GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, mustered out February 16, 1928
Senior Vice Commander in Chief, 1915
Department Commander, 1900

SOLOMAN E. FAUNCE, mustered out January 17, 1929
Department Commander, 1893

TEXAS

ROBERT McCORMICK, mustered out November 27, 1928
Department Commander, 1914

VERMONT

THOMAS HANNON, mustered out December 3, 1928
Department Commander, 1913

D. L. MORGAN, mustered out February 13, 1928
Department Senior Vice Commander

JOHN R. WILSON, mustered out May 11, 1929
Department Commander, 1921

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

FREDERICK H. HURD, mustered out March 15, 1929
Department Commander, 1911

WISCONSIN

GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, mustered out June 15, 1929
Assistant Adjutant General, 1927
Department Commander, 1874-75

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APRIL 6, 1866

First commander in chief

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. McKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. McNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

¹By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

**FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
MAY 11, 12, 1870**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

**FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
MAY 10, 11, 1871**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
MAY 8, 9, 1872**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. ² MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y.,
JUNE 17, 18, 1879**

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

**FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO,
JUNE 8, 9, 1880**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME.,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON Cole, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts.
	{ GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjustant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

³ Died in office.

TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLOR, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 25-27, 1897

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois.
	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

³ Died in office.

**FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
AUGUST 16, 17, 1906**

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907**

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908**

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. McCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine. A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

⁴ Resigned.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, [‡] Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge Advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

[‡] Died in office.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio
Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ³ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

**FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921**

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS F. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA.
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ CHAS. H. HENRY, ⁴ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ³ Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.
⁴ Resigned.

SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic inspector</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincin- nati, Ohio.

SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928

Headquarters established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Mili- tary Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincin- nati Ohio

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Me.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rev. C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	J. H. WEBB, Boston, Mass.
<i>Assistant quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	G. A. HOSLEY, West Somerville, Mass.
<i>Senior aide de camp</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.

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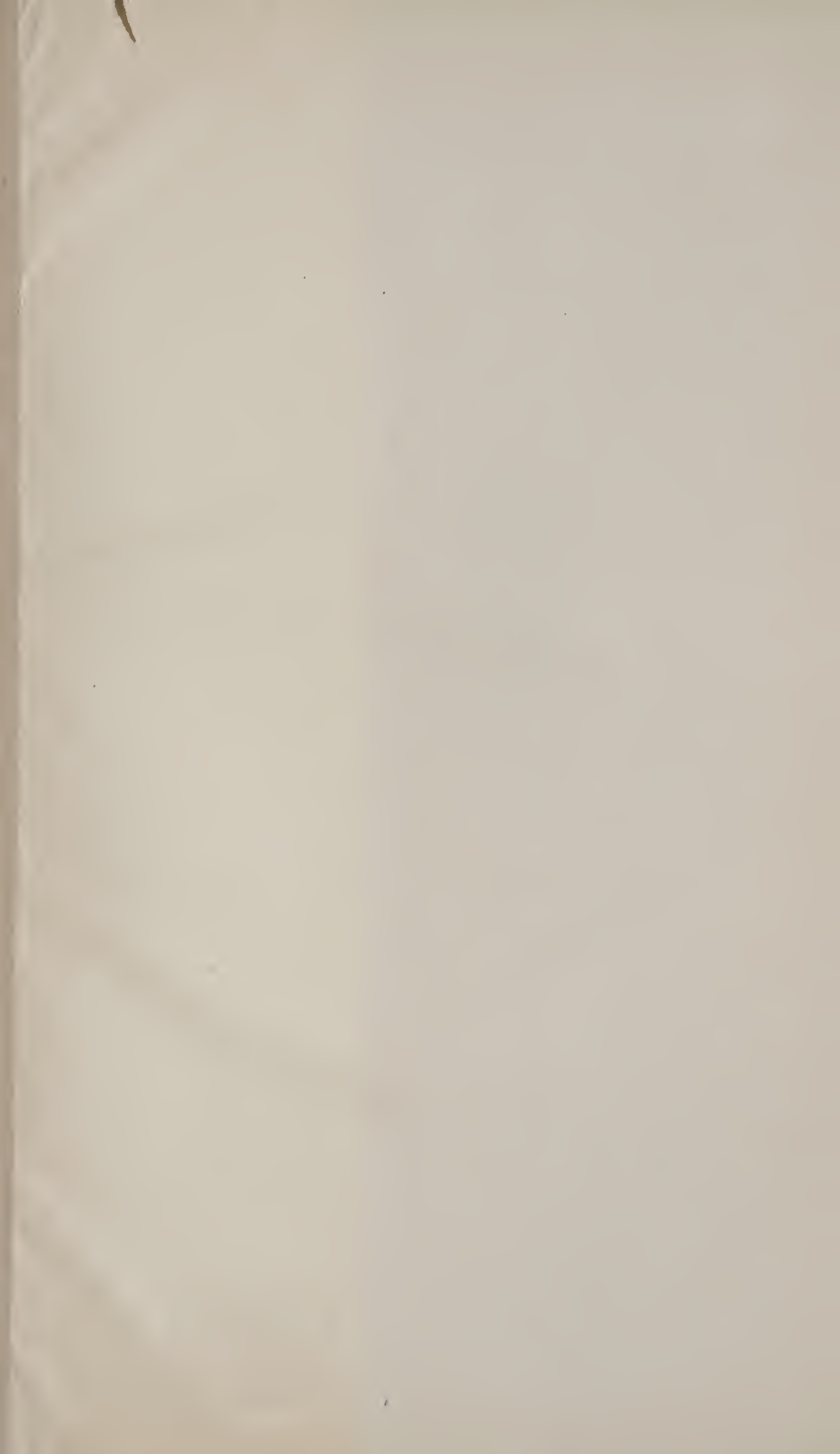
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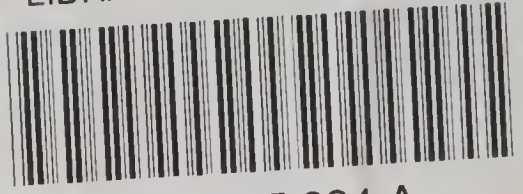
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